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Yitzhak Shamir with President Reagan. The President's chief of staff, Donald Regan, right, looks on. [AP Laserphoto]

Israel, U.S. stress direct negotiations

By
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WASHINGTON (JTA) — Israeli Premier Yitzhak Shamir last week urged Egypt to convince its fellow Arab countries to enter into direct negotiations with Israel.

"Egypt, a partner to the Camp David Accords, could play a significant role by encouraging our other neighbors to follow her example and enter into face-to-face talks with us without preconditions," Shamir said after a meeting and working lunch with President Reagan at the White House.

While both Reagan and Shamir, in their statements in front of the White House's diplomatic entrance, stressed that peace can be achieved only through direct negotiations, the two leaders publicly stated their difference over an international conference.

"Our goal now is setting in motion a process acceptable by Israel and its neighbors which can lead to a comprehensive settlement," Reagan said. He said this requires "bilateral negotiations," adding that any "reasonable" method of bringing about such negotiations should be explored, "including an international conference."

Shamir, however, said the "only viable cornerstone to peace" is the method used by Israel and Egypt in achieving the Camp David Accords.

"We renew the call to our neighbors to join us in direct negotiations for the obtaining of peace between us," he said.

The Israeli Premier was more direct after his meeting at the state department with Secretary of State George Shultz, when he called the idea of an international forum "a Soviet-inspired notion supported by radical Arab nations." He said such a conference, demanded by King Hussein of Jordan, "will not bring peace to our area."

Shamir said, however, that he would accept an international conference that would include only Jordan, Egypt, Palestinians and the U.S.

He again urged Jordan to agree to "face-to-face" negotiations, "if not in the region, which would be the most desirable, then right here in Washington or at Camp David."

Shultz, admitting that the United States and Israel do not see eye-to-eye on this issue, said the U.S. believes that "all options" that could bring about direct negotiations should be explored, including an international conference.

"Our objective is not an international conference, our objective is direct negotiations," Shultz stressed.

Shamir differs on this issue with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, who believes an international conference may be the only way to bring Jordan into talks with Israel.

A senior administration official, briefing reporters on Shamir's talks with Shultz and Reagan, said that the U.S. is not trying to "play one side" in the Israeli government against the other. He said the U.S. deals with the national unity government, headed by Shamir, as it did when Peres was Premier.

Both Reagan and Shultz stressed that any negotiations must include "representative Palestinians." Shamir also agreed that negotiations should include "representatives of Palestinians living in the area." This apparently meant Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza, rather than from outside.

Reagan and Shamir said they also discussed the situation of Soviet Jewry. "We took note of recent releases, but are waiting to see the gates truly opened for Jewish emigration," Reagan said.

Shamir said Israel was "grateful" for Reagan's efforts on behalf of "our brothers and sisters" in the USSR. He said the Soviet Union must continue to be pressed "to let all our people return to our ancient homeland, the land of Israel."

Iran was discussed by Shamir with both Reagan and Shultz. Reagan said it was agreed that Iran should be encouraged to end ter-

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Alexander Mariasin (left) chats with his friend Nicholas Daniloff in the journalist's hotel room overlooking the City of Toronto. [Graphic Artists photo]

Daniloff, Mariasin meet in To.

Former prisoners reunite

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO — A quiet, private reunion between friends, free men both and both former prisoners of the Soviet Union, was held here last week.

One man was Alexander Mariasin, recently released with his wife Lea and daughter Faina after 15 years as Refuseniks.

The other was Nicholas Daniloff, former Moscow correspondent (now diplomatic editor) of U.S. News and World Report, detained by the Soviets last September allegedly for spying.

Meeting in Daniloff's hotel room at the Sheraton Centre the two friends embraced and spoke animatedly in Russian.

Daniloff was briefly in the city to address a Universal Speakers luncheon, but used the opportunity to see Alexander and speak to Lea (still in the hospital) by phone for the first time since they all left the Soviet Union.

Together they told The CJN about their friendship, life in the USSR and the situation there today.

Daniloff and Mariasin met for the first time in 1983 while the journalist was on a trip to Riga for a story he was doing about the mood in the Baltic states.

A mutual friend in Moscow made the introductions, says Daniloff. "Alexander received me warmly and since that time I have maintained that friendship."

Said Alexander, "a friend of my friend is my friend," and quoting a Russian maxim, "a man can be seen by his boots."

For Western journalists the Refusenik community provides a rich insight into Soviet society, said Daniloff.

"My impression is that the Jewish People have a very highly developed sense of where they came from.

"They treasure their history, religion and language and when you meet Jewish Refuseniks everywhere it seems to me you see a common interest in Israel and Jewish cultural heritage.

"The Jews have a great curiosity and conversation with them is fascinating."

The friendship between Daniloff and the Mariasins encouraged Alexander to ask the reporter to help get medicine for Lea. He did.

"Whatever was required, I was prepared to help, not only in the case of the Mariasins, but also for loyal Soviet officials because human life is a precious thing.

"This is one of the appalling things in the cancer patients coming to the U.S., that the treatment they have been receiving is not adequate and the state of public medicine in the Soviet Union is in a terrible mess.

"I'm delighted that the City of Toronto and Canadian doctors are participating very actively in Lea's treatment and as a friend of her's and a friend of Sasha's (Alexander's) I can't

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Declare it's better to be secular

Chief Rabbis blast Reform

By
EDWIN BLACK

JERUSALEM — Israel's Chief Rabbis have declared that it is better to be a non-practicing secular Jew than a member of the Reform movement . . . and they bitterly rejected recognition of Reform rabbis.

In a wide ranging interview which will be published in Moment Magazine, the two chief Rabbis, Sephardic HaRav Mordechai Eliahu and Ashkenaz HaRav Avraham Shapira, acknowledged that the Reform are Jews in all respects. "Whether one wears a yarmulke more or less does not remove his Jewishness," they said. "We only have an argument with their rabbis, who are in our opinion not rabbis."

Shapira, comparing Reform rabbis to "witch-doctors in India," said that these rabbis "may know something about the Torah of Reform, but they do not know anything about the Torah of the Jews." The "two Torahs" are distinctly separate, according to Shapira.

Asked if it is better to be a secular Jew or Reform, Eliahu relied without hesitation, "A secular Jew." He explained: "One person can wound himself; another will cut off his whole hand. So it's like this; if a person eats pork, and violates the Sabbath . . . he commits a sin. But eventually, when he wants to marry a Jewess, he can do so. However, if he takes a non-Jew, against the wishes of the rabbis, then his son will be out of the Jewish People."

Shapira compared the difference between secular and Reform to the difference between a petty thief and a counterfeiter. "If a person steals, then people look on him as a petty criminal. But what would happen if an American starts to print counterfeit dollars? That already undermines the existence of the [American] state. There's a difference between a person committing just a sin, and one who falsifies the Torah."

But both Chief Rabbis insist they care deeply about Reform Jews. "If we the rabbis were only interested in what is easy for us," emphasized Eliahu, "and weren't concerned about Reform Jews, we would tell them: You want to leave? Leave! Go to another religion, be Christians! But we

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Syrian occupation of Beirut rapped

JERUSALEM (AP) — A "vulgar intervention" is the way Israel foreign minister Shimon Peres described the occupation of West Beirut over the weekend by 4,000 Syrian troops. But he said Israel would not get involved in any action against the Syrians.

The Syrians swept into the shattered Moslem area of the Lebanese capital at the request of Druze leader Walid Jumblatt, Shia Amal militia chieftain Nabih Berri and other Moslem leaders after their talks with Syrian officials in Damascus, aimed at halting the Beirut street fighting which last week claimed 200 lives. Amal and Jumblatt's Progressive Socialist Party were the main antagonists in the fighting which caused destruction estimated at $270 milion.

President Amin Gemayel of Lebanon and right-wing Christian leaders assailed the Syrian intervention, calling it unconstitutional.

The Syrian troops warned they will show no mercy in ending the street fighting. "With our souls and our blood we serve you Lebanon," chanted the troops as they roared into the city using Soviet-made amphibious tanks, armored troop carriers and trucks.

World-National

Photo exhibit brings back vivid scenes

By
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In a few weeks from now a show will come to Montreal and Toronto that you will not want to miss. Called *Return to Life* it will be a pictorial exhibit of that part of Jewish history which has received very little attention — the years from 1945 to 1950.

Those were the years when the remnants of European Jewry returned to life: the camp survivors, the partisans, those who had lived disguised as Gentiles, those hidden away by righteous Gentiles, and others who had somehow made it through the war and Nazi occupation.

Rabbi Plaut

Those five post-war years were a period of discovery. The hunted tasted freedom once again, and the free world discovered the depth of the catastrophe through *sh'erit ha-pleta*, the few who were saved from the fate of the six million. It was the time when "DPs" — standing for "displaced persons" — entered our vocabulary, a word that happily disappeared after a while when those who had borne it found new lives, primarily in the new State of Israel and in North America.

The exhibit will be brought to Canada by the Friends of Beth Hatefutsoth, the Nahum Goldmann Museum of the Jewish Diaspora, that splendid showplace on the campus of Tel Aviv University that must be on every visitor's list. It is a museum that traces the history of the Jewish people in its dispersion from ancient times until today, and does so with a fabulous array of visual aids, pictures, objects, films, and three-dimensional displays. In addition, there are computers where visitors may sit down and ask for printouts on the town or village their ancestors came from, or on any number of subjects.

The exhibit that will come to Canada deals with these men, women, and children and, through them, speaks not only of the fate they narrowly escaped but of the hope that was now theirs. In graphic images it shows what the Allied soldiers found. With the tears of joy and the dances that followed, and with the *bricha*, the erstwhile prisoners' often hazardous road to Israel.

I remember that time well. I was with an American front line unit that opened the Dora-Nordhausen camp; I visited liberated Hungarian Jews behind the Russian lines. I remember their questions — oh, the questions! — and above all I remember their faces, their songs of joy and their prayers that seemed to pierce the heavens.

Remove yellow badge

My wife and I were present when Goldmann and President Ephraim Katzir inaugurated the museum on May 15, 1978, and Abba Kovner cut the tape to mark the historic occasion. It was a grand and unforgettable moment.

Of the many images that comprise the *Return of Life* exhibition, one stays with me. It is a photograph of two Jewish men which was taken in Holland after the Allied troops had liberated the country. One man has a scissor in his hand and cuts the yellow badge from the other's chest. Seeing that picture is itself worth a trip to the exhibit.

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(The show will open in Montreal on March 1 at the Saidye Bronfman Centre, and in Toronto at the Koffler Gallery on April 6.)

Beth Hatefutsoth is named after the late Nahum Goldmann whose towering stature in Jewish history is assured. The museum was his idea and it was his persistence that brought it into being. He wanted it for two reasons. One was to preserve an accurate picture of Jewish history, which for so long was primarily the history of dispersion. The other was to create in Israelis a better understanding of what Diaspora was and still is, to tell of its varieties, its valleys as well as its achievements and contributions. Thus, Beth Hatefutsoth is meant to be a bridge between Israel and the rest of the Jewish people. It is a museum that belongs to all Jews.

Like Eli Cohen

Pollard info "clearly invaluable"

By
WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON —

From the first revelation that U.S. Navy intelligence analyst Jonathan Jay Pollard was spying for Israel, one question has puzzled almost everyone knowledgeable about Israeli-American relations: Considering how close the two countries are and how much is already shared, what could Pollard have provided that would be worth the risk?

After investigating the Pollard case for more than a year, and interviewing dozens of U.S. and Israeli officials, I have learned some of what Pollard provided to Israel. My information suggests that far from the small-time bungler portrayed in some news accounts, Pollard was a master spy, who provided very important information to the Israelis.

Leon H. Charney, a New York lawyer who briefly represented Pollard and is close to senior Israeli officials, says: "His help was clearly invaluable to the security of the State of Israel."

The motivation of my sources in telling me about the case was complex. Some Israeli and American sources wanted to show that Pollard was an Israeli hero. Other sources in Israel and America provided details because they believed the public deserved a fuller accounting of the Pollard case.

The intelligence provided by Pollard to Israel included specific material dealing with the following general areas:

• Reconnaissance of PLO headquarters in Tunisia, including a description of all the buildings there, according to one American with first-hand knowledge of the Pollard case and confirmed by an Israeli who is familiar with what Pollard provided. This and other related data obtained by Pollard — especially the specific capabilities of the Libyan air defence system and the exact movement of U.S., Soviet and French ships in the Mediterranean — enabled the Israeli air force to evade detection and to bomb those headquarters on Oct. 1, 1985.

• Iraqi and Syrian chemical-warfare production capabilities, including detailed satellite pictures and maps showing the location of factories and storage facilities, according to Israeli officials who were told by colleagues what Pollard had provided. An American official subsequently confirmed that Pollard had provided information about Iraqi chemical warfare.

• Regular U.S. intelligence assessments of operations planned by a PLO unit, according to an American account that was confirmed in Israel.

• Soviet arms shipments to Syria and other Arab states, including the specifics on the SS-21 ground-to-ground and the SA-5 anti-aircraft missiles, according to knowledgeable American and Israeli sources. Whenever the U.S. discovered that a Soviet ship was passing through the Bosporus into the Mediterranean, Pollard passed that information to Israel, the sources said.

• The U.S. intelligence community's assessment of a particular Soviet-made fighter.

• Pakistan's program to build an atomic bomb, including large satellite photographs of its nuclear facility outside Islamabad, according to an American source with detailed knowledge of the Pollard case.

Despite the official Israeli claim that Pollard was part of a rogue operation, Israeli officials speak of him in terms that suggest he may prove to be one of the most important spies in Israel's history.

Indeed, Pollard's Israeli handlers even compared him to the legendary Israeli spy in Damascus, Eli Cohen, who rose to the top echelon of the Syrian government in the mid-1960s but eventually was exposed and executed. When Pollard was given an Israeli passport containing his picture as a token of Israel's appreciation, the name on the passport was "Danny Cohen" — the implication being that Israel once had an Eli Cohen in Damascus and now had a Danny Cohen in Washington.

In general, Pollard gave Israel the pick of U.S. intelligence about Arab and Islamic conventional and unconventional military activity, from Morocco to Pakistan and every country in between. This included both "friendly" and "unfriendly" Arab countries.

Pollard, 32, was arrested outside the Israeli embassy in Washington on Nov. 21, 1985 after attempting to obtain political asylum there. He pleaded guilty to espionage charges and his wife, Anne Henderson-Pollard, 26, pleaded guilty to lesser charges involving unauthorized possession of classified documents. Both of them are scheduled to be sentenced on March 4.

Why did Israel recruit and run Pollard? Some U.S. officials argue that the operation wasn't necessary, since Israel gets virtually everything it wants from American intelligence agencies. But Israeli officials, living on a thin margin of security, apparently were not convinced of this logic. They feared that the United States wasn't supplying everything. And what the United States wasn't supplying could be essential for Israel, especially in the area of sophisticated reconnaissance photography and electronic intercepts where Israel's capabilities are limited.

Pollard had all the proper credentials, as far as Israel was concerned. He was intelligent. And he was a dedicated Zionist. Indeed, Pollard told me in the only interviews he has granted since his arrest that he was obsessed by the need to help Israel "personally."

Pollard held "Top Secret" security clearances. According to the pre-sentencing memo submitted last month by U.S. Attorney Joseph E. diGenova, Pollard had access to "Sensitive Compartmented Information", principally data about technical systems for collecting intelligence "as well as the intelligence product collected by the systems." A relatively small percentage of individuals who have Top Secret clearances are also approved for SCI access, the court document said.

Throughout the Washington area there are secure libraries containing this kind of extremely sensitive intelligence information which is accessible only through computer terminals requiring codewords, diGenova's memo explained. He said Pollard could "readily access these libraries, repositories and computer terminals to obtain data in order to perform specific duties."

Social conscience shopping: Buy candy for orphan's sake

By
ELLEN GOODMAN

BOSTON —

Alice Tepper Marlin is not your ordinary, everyday shopper. When Alice goes to market, she takes along an extra mental list.

While the rest of us stand in front of the laundry detergents or breakfast cereals, trying to decipher unit-pricing and chemical ingredients, she is comparison-shopping the companies. Which of these breakfast cereals has championed minority hiring? Which of these laundry detergents subsidizes day care? Do they do business in South Africa? Do they make weapons? What's their charity record? How do they treat the environment?

If at all possible, she chooses to brush her teeth, wash her hair, clean her clothes and feed her family in a socially responsible fashion. Alice prefers to put her money where her mouth is and (if this metaphor hasn't gone beserk) eat her own political menu. What's more, she's making it easier for other people to do the same.

Alice Marlin is the president of the Council on Economic Priorities, a public-research organization that has been studying businesses and their social policies for some time. Along with two colleagues, she has put together a political consumer's guide. It's called *"Rating America's Corporate Conscience"* and, in a modest way it does that.

Between paperback covers are thumbnail sketches of 130 major American companies and their everyday products. It is possible using their charts to pick the disposable diaper that doesn't do business in South Africa. It is also possible to choose between cookie companies that do and do not also push cigarettes, and to find a washing machine whose manufacturers do not also make nuclear weapons.

"We were sitting around," remembers Marlin, a former securities analyst who helped create stock portfolios for people concerned about these issues, "thinking that there must be thousands of consumers who want to cast economic votes."

But in the current Pac-Man climate of corporate takeovers, the average consumer might not know, for example, that Chapstick is owned by A. H. Robins, let alone that Robins is the much-sued former maker of the Dalkon Shield. For that matter, they may not know that Pepperidge farm belongs to Campbell Soup and that Campbell has a good record with women and minorities.

The book they compiled makes this sort of information more accessible, but doesn't always make the judgments easy. "There isn't any company that we consider a saint," admits Marlin, "and even the worst have some redeeming characteristic."

One reader may laud Procter & Gamble's uniquely progressive parental-leave policy for its workers while lamenting its charitable support for conservative think tanks. Another may applaud Philip Morris for its record in minority economic development while criticizing the product it sells to minorities.

"We set it up so that people could use their own judgment," says Marlin. "Some people feel that the South Africa issue is so important, it's all they look at; others want to look at animal testing or weapons or PACs. Not all people would pick the same favorites, but overall we felt there were differences."

CEP doesn't expect that the consumer in search of the best product at the best price will always give priority to the best-rated company. Nor do they expect that in a blizzard someone will refuse to sleep another night at a Sheraton because ITT has major contracts in nuclear weapons.

"We're not saying that people should throw out everything they bought or if there's a product you love or one that's rated 30% less, the social criteria should rule. I don't use it that way myself. It's for consumers who are indifferent at the margin. It's great to know the brand names that are best."

Even her children agree. Ever since they discovered that the Hershey Co. was half-owned by a school for orphaned children, Marlin can't pass a candy counter without hearing a plea "to buy them candy for the sake of the poor orphaned children."

The profit margin on a single bar of candy or a package of English muffins may not influence a multinational corporation. The current password of corporate life is "competitiveness." There is the notion in some quarters that the most streamlined, hardheaded, no-frills business decisions are the smartest. A social conscience is often considered a frill.

Socially conscious shopping is a heartening way to exercise a franchise. How remarkable, though, if consumers could together create a new race to be number one: number one corporate citizen.

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Recovering from imprisonment

Begun pardoned, freed after 10-year jail term

By
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TORONTO — Soviet Prisoner of Conscience Iosif Begun has been pardoned and is at home recovering from his 10-year jail term, sources here say.

Samuel Zivs, head of the Soviet Anti-Zionist Committee, said in Geneva Feb. 19 that Soviet President Andrei Gromyko or one of his deputies signed an unconditional pardon for Begun a day earlier.

Begun's wife Inna had been telephoned Feb. 19 by an official of the ministry of the interior and told that she and her son Boris should travel the 500 miles from Moscow to Chistopol to take Iosif home.

This came four days after Georgyi Arbatov, head of the Soviet's U.S.-Canada Institute and an advisor to Mikhail Gorbachev and the politburo, announced on an American news show that Begun would be released.

That interview came in the wake of a peaceful demonstration by the Beguns and several other Refuseniks on Iosif's behalf which was broken up by a group of thugs, whom Boris said in a conversation with two Toronto residents, appeared to be "controlled by the KGB."

Boris told Moshe Ronen, president of the North American Students' Network, and Genya Intrator, chairman of the Inter-Religious Task Force on Human Rights, of his intention to begin a hunger strike the minute KGB officers pick him up to start his 15-day jail sentence for hooliganism stemming from the demonstration.

Although, Boris said, the demonstration was not planned to coincide with the peace conference which was taking place in Moscow, about 1,400 delegates — including former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau — were witness to it.

"We were demonstrating because my father's friend and cellmate Sergei Gregoryants had just been released and said prison officials would put him (Begun) on a strict regimen," Boris told Intrator and Ronen.

Two Soviet Jewry experts have differing opinions as to the significance of the issuance of a pardon.

Ben Prossin, director of the Committee for Soviet Jewry, Ontario Region, said that in the strict legal sense "a pardon implies someone has been wrongly convicted. We are seeking clarification because a pardon is not simply a release."

However, Martin Penn, director of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry in Montreal, said a pardon could be issued on humanitarian grounds and not necessarily mean the individual was wrongly convicted.

"It's part of the bureaucracy process. Begun was tried and convicted and in order to have him released, the pardon overrides the court's sentence. Everything they do there is under the guise of law."

Prossin said Begun's release from prison "is only part of the struggle." Since 1971, the Begun family has been trying to leave the Soviet Union.

"We're calling upon the Soviet government to end that family's anguish and let them live as Jews in their homeland. The family has suffered enough."

Penn said that although the 4-day wait was hard on the family — Prossin called it "a cat-and-mouse game" — Begun's release was fairly certain after Arbatov's announcement.

"Despite all kinds of releases — 140 dissidents in the last couple of weeks — the Soviet Union was still getting bad press in the West and it was because of Begun. What better way of making a gesture to the West than announcing it on CBS."

Penn said Arbatov's announcement that Begun's case had been resolved "pre-empted any negative impression."

In other Soviet Jewry news, it has been confirmed that psychiatrist Anatoly Koryagin has been freed and allowed to return to Kharkov in the Ukraine.

Human rights activist Yelena Bonner, wife of recently released dissident Andrei Sakharov, said she expected Koryagin, imprisoned in 1981 after accusing the Soviets of sending sane dissidents to mental hospitals, would be forced to leave the Soviet Union in exchange for his freedom.

In the Netherlands, the Bukovsky Foundation, a pro-dissident lobbying group, said Koryagin's family wanted to go to Switzerland.

Refusenik Lev Blitstein, who divorced his wife in 1976 so that she and their two children could emigrate to the United States, arrived in Vienna last week with his 80-year-old mother Polina.

Upon his arrival, Blitstein said in English through tears that he felt "guilty because I left my friends behind."

Meanwhile, in Toronto Holy Blossom Temple and Temple Sinai in Boston have joined forces and organized an international telegram blitz day March 1 on behalf of their adopted Refusenik Boris Klotz, his wife Elena and their four children.

Marsha Slivka, co-chairperson of Holy Blossom's Committee for Soviet Jewry, said in an interview that groups from France, England, Israel and Austria have been enlisted and will send telegrams to request an exit visa for Klotz, whom she describes as "putting his life on the line as an activist fighting for the Jewish community at large in the Soviet Union."

Slivka said her committee has mailed letters to all the Reform congregations in Canada and mayors of all major Canadian cities. As well, 150 letters were sent to people across Canada whose surname is Klotz asking them to help someone who didn't have the same freedoms as they had.

She explained that Klotz's troubles started last December when an article he wrote with former hunger striker Alexander Ioffe was smuggled out of the Soviet Union and printed in an English publication called Nature Magazine.

Meanwhile, although Dimitry Ioffe, his wife and baby daughter have been granted exit visas to Israel, no date has been set for their departure.

Prossin said that Ioffe's father Alexander has been led to believe his case will be reviewed.

"He hopes and prays that he and his wife Rosa and daughter Anne, 14, will be allowed to go to Israel, but he's somewhat pessimistic."

The Edelstone and Edelstein families of Toronto are trying to arrange a meeting with Steven Offer, Marion Bryden and Don Cousens, the co-chairmen of the Ontario Legislature's Committee for Soviet Jewry, to discuss the situation of their cousin Yuli Edelshtein, a Prisoner of Conscience.

Prossin said that because the Refusenik was seriously injured last year in a Soviet labor camp accident, perhaps the committee can solicit the help of the provincial ministry of health to look into the situation.

In Winnipeg, lawyer and human rights activist David Matas has written to Yuri Kashlev, head of the Soviet delegation to the Conference on Security and Corporation in Europe (the Helsinki Accords Review) meeting in Vienna, on behalf of Alex Gonorovsky of Israel.

Matas asks Kashlev to "reconsider the application of the Vaitzblit family in the Soviet Union ... in light of the new Soviet legislation on exit visas, and in light of the commitment to family reunification of the Helsinki Accords."

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In Chevy Chase, Md., Soviet Refusenik Inna Meiman was remembered for her strength and vitality as friends and admirers gathered for her recent funeral. She had been allowed to go to Washington for treament of a neck tumor.

Meiman's son Lev Kitrosski was granted a temporary exit visa to attend the funeral but her husband Naum, a Refusenik since 1975, was not. Her stepdaughter Olga Plum of Boulder, Col. also attended the services.

Richard Schifter, assistant secretary of state for human rights and humanitarian affairs, told the audience that Meiman was "a very special person whose kindness and cheer even under adversity were infectious."

Ann Garrels, an NBC state department correspondent who was formerly in Moscow, remembered Meiman as a woman who "wrestled with giants ... and refused to become a nonperson."

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-SAVEZ-VOUS que le Gouvernement Soviétique

Carrying black balloons, the Group of 35s staged a vigil outside the Montreal Forum where the Red Army Chorus Band gave a performance as part of its current Canadian tour. Organizers said the purpose was to protest Soviet injustices against Jews who wish to emigrate. A similar vigil was held this week in Toronto. [Howard Kay photo]

Labor leading Likud by 19%, new poll shows

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The Israeli public supports the Labor Alignment over Likud by almost 19%, according to a poll conducted by PORI (Public Opinion Research Institute of Israel).

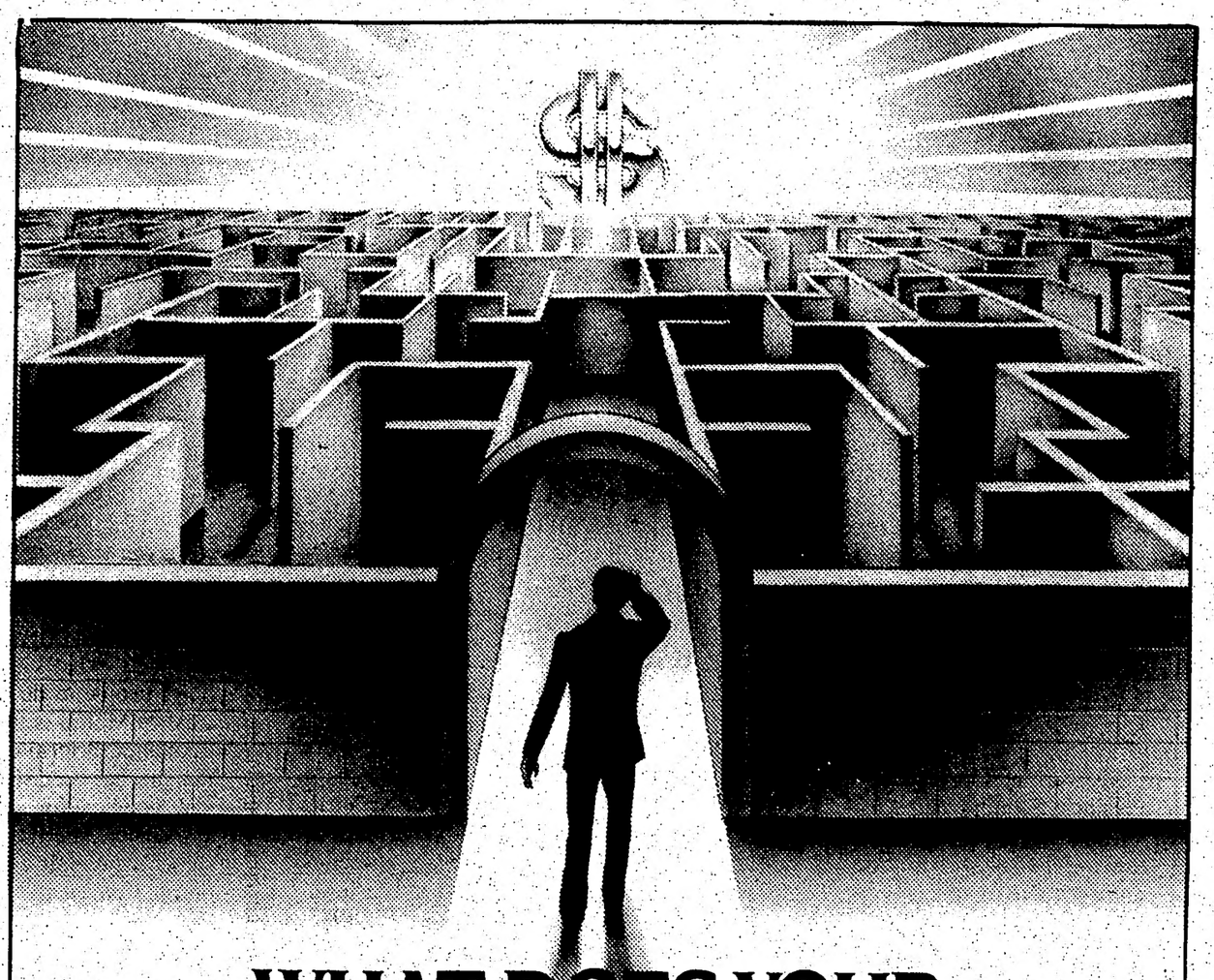
The poll of 1,200 Jewish adults conducted in the third week of January, shows that the Alignment would gain 42.3% of the votes and the small left-leaning parties 6.6% if an election were held today.

The Likud and the small right-leaning parties would receive a little less than one third of the votes, with Likud at 23.7% and the others at 7.6%.

This poll indicates a nearly 8% gain for Labor over the 1981 election total of 34.9% of the vote, and an 8% loss for Likud, which amassed 31.9% that year.

The religious parties would undergo a slight decline: 10.9% compared to the 11.4% gained in the last election.

Meanwhile, 82.7% of Alignment voters said they would vote Alignment again, while 63.2% of Likud voters would choose Likud again. The Alignment would attract 12.3% of Likud voters, as compared with 3.3% of Alignment voters switching to Likud.



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Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: Is the title, Gaon, being used too indiscriminately nowadays?

The Algemeiner Zeitung seems to think that it is. The CJN's distinguished and justly popular columnist, J. B. Salsberg, took his cue from that newspaper, and wrote a piece in his own, inimitable style. My view differs from theirs.

Rabbi Burak

Let me, however, supply a source for their point of view. At the end of the first volume of Kasher's Torah Shelemah is a list of rabbinic sponsors. The page is divided into four columns of names. At the head of each column is the word Harav, and the name of the gentleman. All the other names beneath this one just have a ditto sign, in place of the title rabbi.

When I reached the fourth column, and found that the illustrious name, Yehudah Leib Graubart, had nothing more than a ditto, for Harav, it hurt me. If ever a man deserved to have the word Gaon, that was the man. The first volume of his Chavalim Ba-Ne'imim, published in 1901, was hailed as a work of genius.

That great scholar, the author of the encyclopedia of Halacha, Sede Chemed, gave the work his imprimatur, and called the author a Gaon, and many other titles. So too did the Divre Malkiel, the Rav of Lomza, and so did the Gaon Rabbi Chaim Berlin z.l. Did the name mean nothing to the author of Torah Shelemah? Graubart's first volume appeared at least 26 years before the first volume of Torah Shelemah.

Why on earth would the Gaon, Rabbi M. M. Kasher z.l. leave out the titles of such a great man? You may think that I feel this so keenly because the author of Chavalim Ba-Ne'imim was an illustrious predecessor of mine; he served as the rav of the Polishe Shul when it opened on Henry Street, at the time when I was an infant in a cradle. Perhaps that's true.

Perhaps all titles were left out for economic reasons. With all the rabbis receiving the same treatment, no one could become beroigez and say, "he called him a gaon, and not me, so I won't subscribe for the next volume." But the title, doctor, was mentioned after some of the dittos.

There is a worse case, however, an even more glaring omission, in the most important work of its time. When the Chofetz Chaim z.l. published his brilliant work, Mishneh Berurah, three great scholars gave approval of the publication. The Gaon Rabbi Yitzchak Elchanan Spector z.l. was one of them, and he did not give the title gaon to the author.

Neither did the rabbinate of Wilno. But, the Gaon Rabbi Moshe Klotzki z.l. did refer to the author as a gaon. Why would anyone omit this title from the credits of the man who gave us the trail blazing Shemiras haLashon as well as the Mishneh Berurah? Perhaps this occurred because "sein tzidkus hat fersheint sein gaonus," his saintliness outshone his genius.

In medicine, all doctors are not equal; some are in family practice, while others are specialists. The same holds true for rabbis, and any attempt to make them equal overlooks this statement in Tractate Shabbas, 119B: "Rabbi Yitzchak said, 'Jerusalem was destroyed only because the small and the great were made equal. . . .'"

There are giants in the land: Our master, the Gaon Rabbi Abraham A. Price shalita, author of massive volumes on Sefer Chassidim, the Semag, and responsa; the Gaon Rabbi Gedalia Felder shalita, author of Yesodei Yeshurun; the Chief Rabbi of Montreal, the Gaon Rabbi Pinchas Hirschprung shalita, who recites by heart any page of the Talmud you happen to mention . . . all three carry that title as it deserves to be carried. And there are more like them.

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Exhibition on Holocaust survivors

Photos document Return to Life

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Montreal will be the first stop on the North American tour of a major photographic exhibition portraying the survivors of the Holocaust in the immediate postwar years.

Return to Life — The Holocaust Survivors From Liberation to Rehabilitation (1945-1950) will be on display at the Saidye Bronfman Centre March 2-12 and then head to Toronto's Koffler Gallery April 6-7, before moving on to the United States.

The exhibition tells the story of what became of the estimated 1.5 million Jews who were alive when the Allied Forces liberated Europe from Nazi rule. The survivors' fate is traced from their liberation from the death camps or their emergence from the forests as partisans or from hiding places to the years spent rebuilding new lives.

The exhibition, consisting of 280 photos, was mounted by Beth Hatefutsoth-The Museum of the Jewish Diaspora in Tel Aviv in 1985 to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Liberation. It is being brought to this country by the Canadian Friends of Beth Hatefutsoth.

The organization's Montreal chairman Elisabeth Dalfen describes the exhibition as "a celebration of the survivors' triumph over adversity and success in building their lives anew."

The exhibit brings together materials, many of them rare, from not only Beth Hatefutsoth's own archives but those of Yad Vashem, the World Zionist Organization, the Israel Defence Forces, HIAS, the American Joint Distribution Committee, Massuah-The Institute of Holocaust Studies and other collections, both institutional and individual, in Israel and abroad.

The exhibition was organized in conjunction with the Ghetto Fighters' House in Memory of Yizhak Katznelson at Kibbutz Lohamei Haghetaot and the Ha'apala Research Association.

The organizers of the exhibition call those postwar years "one of the most decisive and turbulent chapters" in modern Jewish history.

The photos cover various stages and scenes: the repatriation of concentration camp inmates and refugees in Soviet Asia to their countries of origin; the anti-semitism which continued after the Holocaust, including the pogrom in Kielce, Poland; the mass movement of Jews along the Bricha route to Palestine and after the creation of the State of Israel; and the rehabilitation of others in the United States and elsewhere.

Day-to-day life in the Displaced Persons' camps in Germany and Austria, as well as the British detention camps in Cyprus for illegal immigrants to Palestine, is also depicted. The little-known role in the DP camps of the volunteer Jewish soldiers from Palestine, who served in the British army, is brought to light.

Long before the Jewish Agency delegation arrived in Germany in December, 1945, these soldiers were engaged in aid and relief work among the survivors, according to Anita Shapira, the Tel Aviv University professor who initiated the idea of the exhibition and who served as historical adviser throughout its preparation.

Internees from a Cyprus detention camp arrive at Haifa in 1949. [Central Zionist Archive]

"One people who did not share in the general euphoria (after the defeat of Nazi Germany): the Jews of Europe. They were a party to the war against Hitler, but they were not a party to the victory. For them, victory had come too late; most of European Jewry had been exterminated," she writes in the foreward of the catalogue accompanying Return to Life.

But as the name suggests, the message of the exhibition is ultimately optimistic. It is a tribute to the survivors who, "by their suffering and sacrifice did not allow the nations of the world to erase the Holocaust from their collective memory, and thus created the emotional basis of support for a Jewish state among world public opinion."

Many chose to immigrate to Israel and build the new state. The rest were absorbed, within a few years' time, into all walks of life in in the countries in which they settled.

Donna Bell (nee Danella Szeflan), who was a child in the DP camp in Styre, Austria and now lives in Montreal, calls the exhibition "a splendid idea.

"We hear and see a lot about the war itself and its horrors and we must continue to be reminded of it all. But it is also important to see the survivors and how resilient the human spirit can be."

The exhibition tour is the biggest project undertaken so far by the Canadian Friends of Beth Hatefutsoth, founded a few years ago. The premiere, to be celebrated with a cocktail reception at the Saidye Bronfman Centre March 1, will launch the Friends' annual membership fund raising drive.

Organizers hope the exhibition will promote greater awareness of Beth Hatefutsoth in the Jewish community, as well as understanding among all Canadians of the Jewish experience.

Beth Hatefutsoth's mission is to depict the Jewish Diaspora — past and present — through a variety of exhibits and media. Andrea Bronfman of Montreal and Sol Kanee of Winnipeg are national co-chairmen of the Canadian Friends.

Terrorist bomb injures 17 persons at Old City gate

JERUSALEM (AP) —

Seventeen people, including 12 Israeli border policemen, were injured Sunday in an explosion apparently caused by Palestinian terrorists outside the Damascus Gate of Jerusalem's Old City, police said.

The explosive device — either a bomb or a hand grenade — was hurled into the street or nearby brush during the change of shifts between two patrols of border policemen.

An anonymous caller to a news agency in Jerusalem said the Palestine Liberation Organization's elite Force 17 carried out the attack.

Security forces took 70 Arabs into custody for questioning.

Jerusalem Police Commander Yossi Yehudai said the blast could be linked to either of two Palestinian 18th anniversaries — the founding of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine guerrilla group or the setting fire to the al-Aqsa mosque by a mentally unstable Australian.

Michael Dennis Rohan, a non-Jewish volunteer at an Israel kibbutz, caused three days of rioting in East Jerusalem in 1969 when he set fire to the pulpit of the mosque on the biblical Temple Mount.

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek said he believed the explosion was a spillover from tension between Israel and the 900,000 Palestinians of the occupied West Bank, also captured from Jordan in 1967.

"You cannot have tension in the West Bank without a spillover into Jerusalem," Mr. Kollek said.

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Former Soviet Refusenik Natan Sharansky (foreground) and his mother Ida Milgrom (left) were among the protesters at a demonstration on Prisoner of Conscience Iosif Begun's behalf inside a wooden cage in front of the Soviet Misson to the United Nations in New York. [Canapress photo]

Demonstration for Begun

Scharanskys join protest

NEW YORK (JTA) — Natan Scharansky, his wife Avital and his 79-year-old mother Ida Milgrom stood in a cage in front of the Soviet mission to the United Nations here last week calling for freedom for Soviet Jewish dissident Iosif Begun and demanding free emigration for all Soviet Jews who want to leave.

Scharansky and his family arrived at the demonstration shortly after their direct flight from Israel landed. Scharansky, his wife and mother joined about 40 demonstrators who were carrying posters of Begun and chanting repeatedly, "Free Begun now."

Scharansky said that he was aware of reports that Begun was about to be released from prison, but he noted that Begun was still not free as long as he was denied the right to emigrate. Begun has been in the Soviets' Chistopol Prison since 1983 for allegedly slandering the state. However, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry (NCSJ) confirmed reports from Moscow that Begun has been pardoned and is about to be released (see separate story).

Scharansky told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he and his wife decided to join the demonstration after Avital spoke on the telephone with Begun's wife Inna. "We decided to come here and demonstrate for Begun and for all Soviet Jews, 382,000 of them, who are waiting for exit visas to leave the Soviet Union," Scharansky said.

In a statement at the demonstration, Avital declared: "My family arrived in New York to inaugurate a protest for the release of all Prisoners of Zion and the free emigration of all Soviet Jews. Today the protest focuses on Iosif Begun."

Natan said that Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev is attempting to win public support in the West by drawing attention to Soviet gestures to prominent dissidents while the situation of Soviet Jewry at large remains grim. He called for continued, open pressure on the USSR to ease the plight of Soviet Jewry.

After answering reporters' questions, Milgrom and Avital marched toward the gates of the Soviet mission carrying a poster of Begun. A worker at the mission came out and received the poster from them without making any comment.

After an hour in the cage — the one said to be used by Avital when she previously demonstrated on behalf of her husband when he was imprisoned — the family left to attend to their newborn daughter and escape the freezing cold.

Haim Margolis, a former student of Begun, also arrived with the Scharanskys for the demonstration. Morris Abram, chairman of the NCSJ, and Herbert Brickman, special assistant to New York Mayor Edward Koch, were among the others at the demonstration. All vowed to continue in the struggle to free Soviet Jews.

Conservatives object to women chazzans

By JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO — The decision by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America to confer the degree and title of chazzan (cantor) on women has angered a group of Conservative cantors in the Toronto area who have launched a local referendum among members of the Cantors Assembly.

"We object to this non-halachic approach to the issue," Cantor Eliezer Kirshblum, chairman of the Cantors Assembly, Ontario Region, told The Canadian Jewish News. "We strongly protest the move to include this change in the Conservative movement as there is a strong traditional minority with roots in Conservative synagogues and leadership."

Kirshblum, along with six other Conservative cantors in the area, responded to JTA Chancelor Ismar Schorsch's "unilateral decision" to allow women to become cantors in the Conservative movement (CJN Feb. 19) by writing letters to Schorsch and all fellow cantors in the area, urging them to express their views on the matter by means of a referendum.

The participating cantors include Louis Danto, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue; and Paul Kowarsky, Beth Tzedec Synagogue, members of the Cantors Assembly national executive board; David Bagley, Beth Sholom Synagogue; David Bercovici, Beth Jacob, Hamilton; Joseph Cooper, Beth Tzedec; Harold Klein, Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue; Hesh Meyersdorf, B'nai Israel Beth David Beth Am Synagogue; Martin Rosenblum, Adath Sholom Synagogue; and Efraim Sapir, Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

In announcing the historic decision which will commence in May, Schorsch said the move would strengthen Judaism without "doing violence" to the halachic process. He explained that once the leadership of the Cantors Assembly expressed its willingness to look into admitting female cantors to its ranks, he felt all obstacles had been removed to extending the policy which was introduced into the Rabbinical School in 1983 to the Cantors Institute.

As a result, two women now studing in the Cantors Institute are expected to be the first recipients of the diploma of chazzan in the 1987 JTS commencement. Marla Rosenfeld-Barugel and Erica Lippitz, both expecting to receive their diplomas this year, called the decision "a new chapter in Jewish history."

The group of Toronto cantors dismissed Schorsch's move to "reconcile tension between ancient loyalties and modern sensibilities," stating that these loyalties have ensured Jewish survival for thousands of years.

"Has the Conservative movement with its 'modern sensibilities' proven so successful in influencing its membership with a strong commitment to proper observance of Shabbat and kashrut?" the cantors asked in their letter. "Have our children been imbued with an authentic Conservative Yiddishkeit that will enable them to help stop the trend of ever growing assimilation and intermarriage? What truly differentiates the Conservative movement from the reform government?"

Criticizing the chancelor's unilateral decision, the cantors said that the responsum by JTS professor Rabbi Joel Roth — on which Schorsch has based the seminary's religious policy — has been disputed and has not been accepted by the majority of the Rabbinical Assembly Law Committee.

"What has happened to the halachic process in the movement? Is Rabbi Joel Roth now the official halachic base of the Conservative movement? Has he replaced the Law Committee?"

They called upon Schorsch to go out in the "trenches" to see the "true state" movement and urged that an official referendum be conducted among all members of the Rabbis and Cantors Assemblies to determine their feelings and religious convictions.

"Your unilateral decision in such a critical religious area plays havoc once again in an even more dramatic way with those of us who are trying to live along traditional lines within the framework of the Conservative movement," the cantors stated.

They also "reminded" Schorsch of the commitment he made when becoming chancelor to "maintain the halachic status quo" and asked if the needed healing process was over.

U.S. sects cause concern

PALM BEACH, Fla. — Two American "Black Hebrew" sects, both claiming to be "true descendants" of the biblical Israelites, are causing widespread concern because of their anti-semitism and anti-white racism, says a report issued recently by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

The report, made public at a session of the League's national executive committee meeting here, documents the activities and background of the Miami-based Yahwehs and the African Hebrew Israelite Nation of Jerusalem, headquartered in Chicago.

Both sects claim that their lineage goes back to Abraham, who they say was Black. They reject the legitimacy of the State of Israel, proclaiming themselves to be the rightful inheritors of Jerusalem and the Holy Land. The Chicago group has sought to establish a presence in Israel.

Burton Levinson, national chairman of ADL, said that neither is in any way connected with the thousands of Black Jews of Ethiopian origin who have been resettled in Israel and are fully accepted as Jews.

Mr. Levinson cited these examples of the anti-semitism and racism of the Yahwehs and the African Hebrew Israelite Nation of Jerusalem.

- The Yahwehs insist that blacks are the real "Chosen People" and label Jews as "imposters" who represent the "Synagogue of Satan."
- Yahweh leader Moses Israel charges that whites are "mutations of the original Black man" and are "evil, wicked liars and murderers" who practice "false white Christianity."
- The literature of the African Hebrew Israelite Nation of Jerusalem describes Jews as "sinful, white Jewish dogs."
- An official of the Chicago group interviewed last December by Spotlight, the publication of Liberty Lobby, the leading anti-semitic organization in America, called for an "alliance" between his organization and "whites in America . . . to end Zionism."
- The leader of the African Hebrew Israelites, Ben Ami Carter, has stated that he maintains a "close dialogue" with Louis Farrakhan, the anti-semitic leader of the Nation of Islam. Farrakhan, who has called Judaism a "dirty" religion, has said that he and Carter have "shared beliefs."

The ADL report said that the leaders of both Black Hebrew groups claim to be either the Messiah or God and invoke the Old and New Testaments.

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Quebec Superior Court justice dead at 67

Cutler remembered for impeachable integrity

MONTREAL —

Philip Cutler rose from the ranks of a plumber to become a fervent trade union activist, one of Quebec's most celebrated labor lawyers and, ultimately, a Quebec Superior Court justice.

But when Cutler died suddenly earlier this month while on vacation in Florida at age 67, he was remembered in large measure as a man of unimpeachable integrity.

Observers said he struggled hard for what he achieved, resisted labels and, despite his reputation as a staunch advocate for the working class, preferred compromise to confrontation, yet would not back down from a fight.

May would have marked the completion of Cutler's second year on the bench.

Cutler was probably the first Superior Court justice who could say — in his case probably with some pride — that he had served time in jail.

During World War II, Cutler, then an organizer with the American Federation of Labor (AFL), was arrested and charged with obstructing war production by inciting a strike at the Aluminum Co. of Canada Ltd. plant in Shawinigan, Que.

The often violent nature of Quebec labor disputes at the time, before legislation, Cutler later said, is what prompted him to conclude that labor peace lay in a legal solution, "that one day we'd have to stop bashing heads."

Cutler's upbringing during the Depression and experience as a one-time laborer sowed the seeds for his identification with and sympathy for the working class.

Born the son of immigrant Jewish parents in 1919, Cutler attended Baron Byng High School, but left before graduation to go to work upon the death of his father.

When he was 16, Cutler's mother, who had been active in the Workmen's Circle, a Jewish labor group, got him a job as a journeyman plumber in Local 144 of the national pipefitter's union.

Within a few years, Cutler became a top union leader in Canada, becoming at age 27 the general vice-president of the Quebec Federation of Labor (QFL), and through the next decade serving as a field representative with the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.

Cutler was also the first Canadian regional director of the American Federation of Labor (AFL) in Washington, DC. The appointment lasted only two years, when Cutler was dismissed for fighting the so-called "Red Purge" campaign led by Trade and Labor Congress international representative Frank Hall.

Cutler's role in leading many of the crucial industrial disputes in the early 1940s has been credited with paving the way for compulsory bargaining legislation in post-war Canada.

In the late 1940s, Cutler returned to school, earning an arts degree at the University of Ottawa and a law degree at the University of Montreal in 1954. He obtained a doctoral degree in law from the U of M in 1968.

Cutler joined the law firm of Cutler, Lamer, Bellemare, Desaulniers, and Langlois, and went on to become one of the best known labor lawyers in the country, representing for many years the International Longshoremen's Association in crucial negotiations that saw the union's salary increase in a decade from 50 cents to $6 an hour. Representing the employers was Brian Mulroney, who later appointed Cutler to the bench.

Cutler also spoke out often on a variety of causes, including equal pay for women, and against aspects of Quebec's French language legislation. He represented labor in negotiations, arbitrations, government inquiries, and before the highest courts of Canada.

Before his appointment to the bench in 1985, Cutler worked in the labor department of the law firm of Robinson, Sheppard, Borenstein, Shapiro.

Among his accomplishments, Cutler was also the author of two books on labor law and the Quebec Labor Code, wrote for university and law society journals, and lectured widely on labor relations. Cutler also represented the Quebec attorney-general in the courts.

In 1960, Cutler was sent to Israel as an observer for the Canadian Bar Association at the trial of Nazi war criminal Adolph Eichmann.

At Cutler's passing, Senator Carl Goldenberg, a long-time friend and labor arbitrator, commented that Cutler "rose the hard way. He didn't become a lawyer easily. He had to work for it."

Quebec Superior Court Chief Justice Alan Gold called Cutler "a first class judge. . . . He was quick to understand the issues, quick to decide, and prompt in his judgments. This is a great loss."

Cutler is survived by his wife May, the founder and president of Thundra Books; seven children: Judith, John and Tamara from a first marriage, and Keir, Adam, Michael and Roger; and two grandchildren, Anya and Jason.

Israelis bought more imported goods in 86

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Israelis purchased imported cars and durable goods — both imports and locally produced — at a considerably higher rate in 1986 than in the previous year, according to figures released by the Central Bureau of Statistics.

About 61,000 new cars were sold last year, a 60% increase over 1985, though 30% below the peak year, 1983.

Israelis purchased 135,000 television sets, imported and locally produced, last year, an 85% increase over 1985. But the biggest increase was in the sale of imported videotape recorders. About 45,000 were sold in 1986, compared to 20,000 in 1985, a 132% increase.

Na'amat meet planned for To. in September

TORONTO —

Na'amat Pioneer Women will hold its 8th Triennial Canadian Convention at the Royal York Hotel here Sept. 13-15, the organization's national president Florence Simon has announced.

"Challenge and Change" was the theme for the convention approved by the organization's national board at a recent planning meeting in Toronto, said Simon.

Delegates from across Canada will hear addresses by noted public figures on such international topics as Zionism — Our Changing Attitudes; and Peace in the Middle East. Canadian subjects will include family law; hate literature and the Charter of Rights; Canadian immigration policy; women in politics; and women in the work force.

Florence Simon

Irma Ziskin

Among the many dignitaries attending will be Masha Lubelsky, secretary-general of Na'amat Israel.

National convention chairperson Irma Ziskin announced the appointment of the following officers to convention committees: Pearl Mekler, Toronto, nominations; Tillie Margolis, Toronto, constitution and bylaws; Flora Naglie, Montreal, Barbara Wiseman, Edmonton and Ruth Leroy, Toronto, program; Norma Barkin, Toronto and Erika Bloom, Montreal, publicity; Beryl Nahornick, Edmonton, credentials; and Lynne Milner, Edmonton, resolutions.

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GANGBAR

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DIARY ...of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

The Zionist movement Mizrachi (an acronym of the Hebrew mercaz ruchani, spiritual centre, and literally meaning eastern) was founded in a Vilna convention March 4, 1902. It soon began to serve as the religious backbone of new colonists to the Holy Land and later to the Jewish state.

Mizrachi's watchword was coined by founder Rabbi Meir Bar-Ilan, son of Volozhin Yeshiva head Rabbi Naftali Zvi Berlin: "The Land of Israel for the People of Israel according to the Torah of Israel." Berlin, who helped establish Eastern Europe's Hovevei — enthusiasts of — Zion group in 1887 (Theodor Herzl was a budding journalist then), incurred the displeasure of his peers for supporting a nationalistic return to Zion in the absence of messianic confirmation. By the time of its second convention in 1903, the movement established 210 branches in Russia and Poland, as well as others in Austro-Hungary, England and Germany. Relative resistance was first encountered in the Holy Land itself, whose settlers old and new were either anti-nationalistic or anti-religious.

Mizrachi's statements of purpose were defined in its first world congress, in Pressburg, Hungary, in 1904. These included full participation in the Zionist Organization (ZO) as a whole and the dissemination of religious nationalism. A chapter was founded in Toronto in 1910 (a year before its first U.S. counterpart), which raised $14,475 by 1911.

Mizrachi was the first Zionist party to transfer its headquarters to the Holy Land, after World War I; founders there included Ashkenaz and Sephardic religious leaders. The community's duality was further recognized when it established the chief rabbinate.

Early on, Mizrachi wrested ZO recognition of a religious education stream in the movement and settlements. Its education network was launched well before World War I when Rabbi Yehuda Maimon established the Tachkemoni School in Jaffa. (Menachem Begin studied at a Mizrachi school as a child in his native Brest-Litovsk.) This developed into an autonomous network of kindergartens, public and high schools, yeshivot, vocational schools and teachers' seminaries, which joined the secular school network as one of the state's two official education systems in 1953.

Hesder yeshivot

The Mizrachi network includes agricultural and career yeshivot, Bar-Ilan University, and the Bnei Akiva system. The latter innovated the hesder yeshivot, begrudgingly admired by their most ardent political opponents, in which students rotate military duty and study in strategic Judea and Samaria sites. In recent years, the hesder yeshiva soldier with beard, knitted skullcap and Uzi submachine gun has come to replace in public imagination the lithe kibbutznik as Israel's uncompromising warrior.

The largest publishing house of Torah literature is Mizrachi's Mossad HaRav Kook, founded in 1937 and named after the Holy Land's first Chief Rabbi and seminal religious philosopher, Rabbi Avraham Kook. Its publications are noted for thoroughness in content and modernity in presentation, including layout and typefaces.

Mizrachi played an integral part in Israel's politics before and after combining with HaPoel HaMizrachi to form the National Religious Party in 1955.

Long the linchpin in crucial political coalitions, its efforts were instrumental in preserving Shabbat and holy days as national holidays, and the laws governing kashrut and other observances in the Israel Defence Force.

Mizrachi negotiators succeeded in winning David Ben-Gurion's approval for state and municipal support of yeshivot and synagogues, and for military exemption for fulltime religious students. Mizrachi was instrumental in the creation of Israel's ministry of religion. Initiatives have centred on keeping Orthodoxy as the official form of the state's Judaism, a primacy under increasing challenge.

Several years ago, Mizrachi's long active women's auxiliary changed its name to Emunah Women to pursue its own education and childcare projects. Mizrachi's bank was least implicated in Israel's recent spate of financial scandals.

Observers see Mizrachi as a mediator in the dispute between Israel's ultra-religious and ultra-secular elements.

First full time project in U.S.

San Francisco Jews battle AIDS

By WINSTON PICKETT

SAN FRANCISCO — As anxiety mounts over the AIDS epidemic worldwide, the country's first full-time Jewish AIDS project, based in San Francisco, is receiving not only local referrals but inquiries from Jewish communities throughout the United States.

"We're getting calls every day from local hospitals and agencies, "and at least one request a week from Jewish family services and Jewish federations across the country who want to know how San Francisco is responding to this crisis," reports Andy Rose, who heads the pilot program.

Rose carries the title of AIDS project coordinator for SF's Jewish Family & Children's Service.

According to Anita Friedman, JF&CS executive director, it was inevitable that San Francisco agencies would be thrust into the forefront of AIDS social work.

"At close to 3,000, San Francisco has the second highest concentration of people in the country diagnosed with AIDS, and an estimated 5 to 10 percent of these are Jews," she says. "The figures alone were enough to tell us that what we're doing here would have to set the pace for other Jewish communities to follow."

Rose, who worked as a crisis counselor and project coordinator for AIDS patients in Los Angeles before moving to San Francisco, explained in a recent interview that the JF&CS project is specifically geared to the Jewish community.

"A lot of programs in the Bay area focus on the person diagnosed with AIDS," he says. "What we're trying to do is provide services for families as whole units."

A major aspect of the JF&CS project (called the AIDS Family Assistance Network) is geared mainly to parents and relatives, some 50% of whom arrive from out of town.

"We provide everything to get families oriented to the city, to help them figure out housing and transportation while they're here, and to make them a part of the Jewish community — whether it's connecting them with synagogues or having them invited to a Shabbat dinner," Rose says.

Along with coordinating the family program, Rose is a JF&CS social worker whose caseload is predominantly Jewish men diagnosed with AIDS or ARC, AIDS Related Complex.

However, he explains, it's not unusual for a group that is called the "worried well" — family, friends, lovers — to require as much assistance as the patients themselves.

Compared to the information and support network already in place within the gay community, Rose says, most Jewish parents who choose to be with their children during their ordeal are entering the situation cold.

"Barrage of issues"

"Suddenly," he explains, "they're faced with a barrage of issues that seem to hit their children one after the other: job discrimination and eventual loss of employment, trying to live on state disability, a sudden and radical depletion of income, finding more affordable housing (a major complication for more than one-half of the people I see), and, of course, the mounting doctors' and lawyers' fees."

The program's direct services include crisis intervention, emergency financial assistance, rabbinic and psychological counseling, and referral to other AIDS services in the San Francisco area — such as the San Francisco AIDS Foundation or the Visiting Nurse Association.

But it's the family connection that gives the program its most recognizable Jewish dimension.

"A cornerstone for the program," Rose says, is the mitzvah of bikkur cholim (visiting the sick). It means making sure that no one with AIDS is isolated from the Jewish community, and that every resource possible is available for victims and their families when they need it the most."

In that regard, Friedman explains, JF&CS had had to come to grips with the fact that "AIDS is increasing so fast that all 30 of our caseworkers have some involvement in their work with AIDS patients, their families, or both."

A second Jewish aspect is education. "We're at a point with the disease where information is critical," Rose says. "There's not a vaccine, and there are limited options for treatment, so knowing how it is transmitted — through anal and vaginal intercourse alike — is absolutely critical in order to keep it from spreading."

Volunteer speakers' bureau

To that end, Rose says JF&CS is developing a volunteer speakers' bureau. But for the moment, the AIDS project coordinator does most of the speaking himself — to synagogues, to youth groups, to women's organizations, and to staff and board members of Jewish agencies throughout the Bay Area.

Funding for the JF&CS project was made possible by a 1-year grant from the Jewish Community Endowment Fund of the Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco, following a proposal written by JEAN, the Jewish Emergency Assistance Network.

Community reaction to the AIDS project, while overwhelmingly positive, has not been uniform. Observes Rose: "By nature we are a well-read community and tuned-in to the latest medical developments, but there is still the feeling that "It's a problem for the goyim, and one that doesn't really affect our own congregations, or our own children."

Friedman, however, suggests that that attitude is rapidly changing.

"More and more people are being touched by AIDS in some way," she notes, "whether it's a friend, a co-worker, a friend of the family or a relative."

It is this recognition, she adds, that has evoked a mixture of pride and relief from the community-at-large. "Many people feel proud to be part of a Jewish community which takes care of its own, especially in view of the alienation with which AIDS patients are faced."

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Editorial

Offence to Jews

Canadian Jewish organizations acted properly and with requisite dispatch when they condemned the recent election of Marcel Prud-'homme as chairman of the Liberal Party caucus.

It took less than an hour after Prud'homme's election for the Canadian Jewish groups to express their disquiet at the honor bestowed upon an outspoken supporter of the PLO (CJN Feb. 12).

Prud'homme, the MP for St. Denis for the last 23 years, has the right to support any group he wishes. It should be noted, however, that in word and deed he has expressed his support not merely for the Palestinians but for a terror organization that has compiled an odious record for bestiality.

The Liberal Party now has as its caucus leader a man who:

- Applauded Yasser Arafat's disgraceful United Nations speech of several years ago.
- Attended the Palestine National Council meeting of 1983.
- Has had himself photographed with Arafat during one of his tours to an Arab country.
- Has called for official Canadian recognition of the PLO despite the organization's murderous covenant — which calls for the elimination of the State of Israel.

It is no wonder that Canadian Jewish organizations have protested Prud'homme's elevation to a key position in the party.

We do not, moreover, share the optimism expressed by MP Sheila Finestone who has praised Prud'homme's "service to the party." It is a service characterized by his repudiation of the official Liberal position on Israel and the Middle East.

Finestone's attempt to play down the importance of Prud'homme's post ("it's just an organizational job") is similarly disingenuous.

Prud'homme's election, supported largely by MPs from Quebec, is an offence to the Jews of Canada. It is a development which Canadian Jews cannot welcome.

Charnel house

"Lebanon," says New York Timesman Thomas L. Friedman, "is not just a news story. It is a nightmare, and not just a nightmare for the Lebanese — it is every society's ultimate nightmare . . . Lebanon is a country in meltdown."

Twenty-five years ago Lebanon was the Arab world's resort centre and the hub of its commerce. Beirut was noted then for its freewheeling Western style journalism and its quasi democratic political structure.

Of those four elements only one remains today, a fearless tradition of relatively free journalism (it was a Beirut paper which broke the story on the American arms deal with Iran).

Ironically it is the journalists who are now recording the disintegration of Lebanese society as various factions in the country vie for political dominance — not through the power of rhetoric and persuasion but through the force of arms.

All factions contributed to the charnel house we call Lebanon today, Muslims, Christians and Druze. The Palestinians (and more particularly their misguided leaders) moreover are not guiltless in this regard. Their creation of a state within a state, their attacks on Israel and their alliances with different Lebanese groups helped sap the vitality of a nation that depended on a fictional national consensus about the country being equally divided between Christians and Muslims.

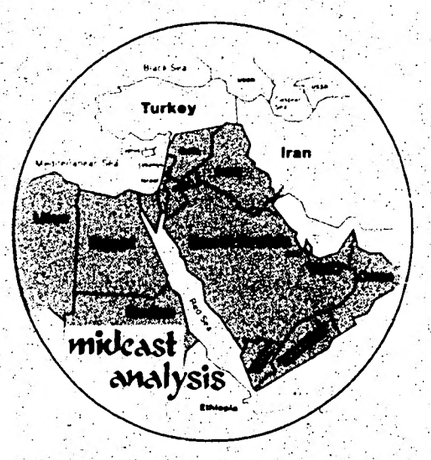
While we hold no brief for Palestinian fanaticism we view with shock and horror the spectacle of the innocent among them who are now paying for their leaders' folly as ordinary people become victims to a starvation perpetrated upon them by fellow Arabs.

The die for the country's fate was cast when Iranian Shi'ite elements penetrated Lebanon and added their mischief to an already incendiary situation.

Lebanon's return to the jungle of civil anarchy is a powerful warning to Israel and to other democracies of the danger of gratuitous and unbridled hatred. The "Lebanization" of consciousness must not be permitted to infect the body politic.

"Wild card" threatens policy

Vanunu case raises questions



By SHELDON KIRSHNER

The Vanunu affair, no matter how it is viewed, has turned into an embarrassment for Israel.

For what began as an unsubstantiated newspaper story has now become a stupendous internal scandal with international overtones.

It broke last October, when the Sunday Times of London published a front-page account of Israel's nuclear arsenal based on top-secret information acquired from Mordechai Vanunu, a former nuclear technician, for an undisclosed amount of money.

Vanunu, an Israeli of Moroccan origin, gave the British newspaper data that Israel had up to 200 nuclear weapons capable of destroying "entire cities" and that Israel's stockpile was the sixth largest in the world, after the U.S., the Soviet Union, Britain, France and China.

The Israeli government, which has always been ambiguous about its nuclear capacity, scoffed at the disclosures, and refused comment even after word leaked out that Vanunu was being held in Israel.

On Nov. 9, following weeks of foreign press reports suggesting that Vanunu had been abducted in London and returned to Israel, and repeated official denials by government officials, Israel reluctantly came clean.

In a terse official communique, the cabinet said that Vanunu, was under "lawful detention" and had appeared before a judge.

But one major question remained unanswered: How did Vanunu, who was last seen on Sept. 30 leaving a hotel in London, suddenly turn up in Israel? The British government wanted to know, too, and Israel had some explaining to do.

On Dec. 21, as Vanunu was being taken to a court in Jerusalem, he scrawled a message on his palm to the effect that he had been kidnapped in Rome and flown to Israel aboard a British Airways plane. Israeli censors banned all publication of the message for 24 hours, only relenting after overseas newspapers broke the ban. Italy, meanwhile, demanded an explanation, and Israeli diplomats in Rome supplied "clarifications," putting that episode to rest for the time being.

A week later, Vanunu, 32, pleaded not guilty to charges of treason and espionage. His trial, which is supposed to take place later this year, promises to be one of the most sensational in Israeli history. Amnon Zichroni, a prominent lawyer, is defending him.

Mordechai Vanunu, an Israeli nuclear technician, holds his hand up to journalists as he is taken to court in Jerusalem. [RNS photo]

The Vanunu case, as it has developed to this point, raises questions about Israel's nuclear capability and casts shadows on its usually vaunted security service.

Before Vanunu appeared on the scene, it was common knowledge that Israel had a nuclear program in place at its French-built reactor in Dimona. The Central Intelligence Agency, in a 1974 memorandum, said that Israel had manufactured nuclear weapons. Israel itself did not admit to having them, but various Israeli officials tossed out tantalizing hints.

Confirmed

Israel had the capacity

Yuval Neeman, the scientist cum-politician, said that Israel had assembled the personnel and the equipment needed to manufacture nuclear bombs. And Moshe Dayan, when he was foreign minister, confirmed that Israel had the *capacity* to make them.

As he put it in 1981: "We don't have the atomic bomb now. But we have the capacity, we can do that in a short time. We are not going to be the first ones to introduce nuclear weapons into the Middle East, but we do have the capacity to produce nuclear weapons..."

Dayan's statement, the definitive official one to date, was studiously vague, but it was in keeping with Israel's policy of deliberate ambiguity vis-a-vis its nuclear capability.

Israel seems to believe that it has more to gain by hewing to an ambivalent position. It officially denies being in possession of an A-bomb, but privately does little to squelch speculation in the press and elsewhere that if the Arabs ever threaten its existence they would face nuclear annihilation.

By following this policy of deterrence, Israel creates doubt in the minds of Arab leaders but also avoids putting pressure on them to acquire the bomb.

That policy, though, is threatened when a "wild card" like Vanunu sets the agenda.

Born in Marrakesh, the son of Moroccan Jews who immigrated to Israel in 1963, Vanunu obtained a job at the Dimona reactor a decade ago. Before becoming a technician, he served in the army, rising to the rank of sergeant, and studied physics at Tel Aviv University for one year.

While working in Dimona, he studied economics, geography and philosophy at Ben-Gurion University, graduating with a BA degree.

When he started his studies, Vanunu was a conventional right-wing Israeli. But Vanunu, who felt discriminated against as a Sephardic Jew, gradually changed his political views and applied for membership in the Communist Party. In 1985, during an Arab student demonstration in which the PLO flag was unfurled, Vanunu reportedly called for the establishment of a Palestinian state.

In November of that year, he and hundreds of other employees were dismissed in a budget-cutting move. After his dismissal, Vanunu traveled to Australia via Thailand, carrying a backpack containing details about the nuclear plant and rolls of undeveloped film he had shot inside his workplace. In Sydney, he was befriended by an Anglican priest, who eventually converted him, and by a Colombian journalist, who persuaded him to sell his story to the Sunday Times.

Vanunu was promised a six-figure sum for his information, but apparently never collected it. Vanunu's friends claim he was not motivated by financial greed, but by his disaffection with Israeli policies.

Whatever his motive may have been, it is clear that Vanunu has greatly embarrassed Israeli security officials, still reeling from the aftershocks of the 1984 incident in which two Palestinians were killed after hijacking a bus.

The Vanunu affair begs questions.

How was it possible for an aspiring member of the Communist Party to continue working in Israel's most secret military facility?

How could he have taken pictures of the plant's innards, over a 3-year period, without having been detected?

Security arrangements, no doubt, were lax.

Greatly embarrassed security officials

Heads will roll, if they have not already rolled.

Since flashing his palm to a horde of reporters, Vanunu has been filing one law suit after another.

Immediately after informing the press that he had been kidnapped by Israeli agents, Vanunu's warders confiscated his books and Walkman transistor radio. Vanunu petitioned the Jerusalem district court and won the right to keep them.

Since then, he has asked the court to make "secret evidence" available to his lawyer and sued Israeli TV for having broadcast his private diaries.

Vanunu, who recently ended a 33-day hunger strike to protest the conditions of his confinement, also caused a stir when the authorities refused to let his American girlfriend see him.

Clearly, the Vanunu affair is far from over. In a sense, it has just begun.

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Opinion

Nazis created organizational structure for "final solution"

Wannsee Conference was Holocaust turning point

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It was with sadness that I saw an anniversary quickly slip by recently, unnoticed by newspapers, radio and television. Yet this event was to cost millions of innocent people in Europe their lives.

The event was a small conference which took place on Tuesday, Jan. 20, 1942. The location of the meeting was the quiet, and elegant suburb of Berlin called Wannsee. It is for that reason that the meeting has gone down in history as the Wannsee Conference.

All the niceties were observed. A fine lunch was served to the participants, so were drinks. After the conference a few of the participants retired to a study where brandy was served, and, as one member explained, "to rest after long hours of effort." It all sounds so civilized, yes even banal. Yet the meeting sealed the fate of millions of innocent people and, therefore, has to be considered one of the most important conferences of the Third Reich.

The conference took place some seven months after Hitler had invaded the Soviet Union in June of 1941. The Germans' advance allowed Hitler access to several million Jews living in the Ukraine and other regions of the western Soviet Union. Until now these people had been beyond the grasp of Hitler's racial cleansing apparatus.

But already in the military planning stages of Operation Barbarossa, the invasion of Russia, Hitler had made provisions for the implementation of his racial policy. Behind each invading German army, special action groups, or Einsatzgruppen, were to sweep up the Jewish population, thereby cleansing the territory of its non-Aryan inhabitants.

These einsatzgruppen, each numbering about 500 men, performed their task with extraordinary efficiency. By Oct. 15, 1941, Einsatzgruppen A reported 125,000 Jews liquidated. Einsatzgruppe B had killed 45,000 Jews by Nov. 14, 1941, while group C accounted for 75,000 deaths by Nov. 3, 1941. Group D, operating in the south of Russia, had liquidated 55,000 Jews by Dec. 12, 1941.

However, more efficient killing methods had to be devised. One gruppen commander complained that it was terribly hard on his men to shoot men, women and children all day. The answer appeared to lie in the establishment of exterminating centres. On Dec. 8, 1941, the first of the six to be established started operations.

This is the historic context in which the Wannsee Conference took place. SS General Heinrich Heydrich, the notorious head of the dreaded security service, addressed the conference. In attendance were 13 senior civil servants and Adolf Eichmann. The civil servants represented the ministry for the occupied eastern territories, the ministry of the interior, the justice ministry, the foreign office and the race and resettlement office.

Heydrich opened the conference by informing the participants that Hitler had appointed him "plenipotentiary for the preparation of the Final Solution of the European Jewish question," and that it was his aim "to achieve clarity in essential matters." Heydrich then reviewed Hitler's racial policy, which began with the expulsion of the Jews from the "various spheres . . . and living space" of the German people. This was followed by the "evacuation of the Jews to the East." However, all these matters were mere preparatory steps for the "approaching final solution of the Jewish question."

Heydrich then listed the potential pool of victims in Europe. This included some 3 million Jews in the Ukraine, 2.2 million in Eastern Poland. No area of Europe was left out. He even included the 330,000 Jews living in the United Kingdom.

Heydrich decided that altogether some 11 million Jews were to "fall away." It was the purpose of this conference to establish an organizational structure involving the various government departments which would carry out this monumental task.

The result was the methodical and meticulously planned eradication of the Jewish population wherever the SS went. Unfortunately, the SS found many eager helpers everywhere, who were only too ready to lend a willing hand in the execution of this grisly task. Trains began to roll on schedule to centres like Chelmo, Sobibor, Treblinka, Belzec, Majdanek and Auschwitz-Birkenau.

What makes the Wannsee meeting some 45 years later so important? Obviously, it will remain a key event in the Holocaust. To Raul Hilberg, the wellknown Holocaust historian, it is a turning point in history. It will always remain an important date to Holocaust survivors.

The Wannsee Conference, held 45 years ago in Berlin, spawned the Holocaust. Photo above shows guards in Bergen Belsen removing corpses for burial.

But the Wannsee Conference has an added significance in 1987. Richard Gwyn, in a recent article in the Toronto Star from Germany, wrote of the appearance of a new school of neoconservative historians and writers who deny the "singularity" of the Holocaust. In other words, there is an attempt by scholars of various nationalities and from different ethnic groups to consider the Holocaust as a mere example of man's inhumanity to man. There are, they claim, many examples of mass death in history.

But to say that the Holocaust was just another incident in man's inhuman history and was the same as, for instance, the Ukrainian famine of 1933 is to distort history. In the first half of the 20th century there were two examples of state-planned and state-executed genocide. There was the Armenian massacre, initiated by the Turks during the First World War, and the Holocaust, in the Second World War.

It is not the number of victims that make these two events unique. What makes these events unique is they were state planned and executed.

As Elie Wiesel said, not all victims of National Socialism were Jews, but all Jews were victims. This is not to downplay the horrible nature of the famine, but one cannot say that every Ukrainian became an object of extermination. No Jew could ever have risen in the hierarchy of the Nazi Party or become a member of Hitler's inner circle, no matter how willing he was to become a Nazi. His "blood" had marked him for death after 1942. On the other hand, many Ukrainians advanced in the ranks of the Communist party and the Red Army, even to the height of general-secretary.

So let us keep history straight. Let us accept that the 20th century has provided many examples of man's inhumanity to man, and all too often willing collaborators to speed along the process. Rather than downplay the importance of one event or the other, or even deny complicity in it, let these massacres be a warning signal to all men. Let us study the past without recrimination and see what our species is capable of.

Since the Holocaust was so widespread, and since there were many collaborators in all countries and regions we, today in 1987, regardless of our ethnic background, must accept the fact that a number of our forefathers were only too willing to help in the eradication of Jews or gypsies or other unfortunates deemed unfit to live.

The president of the Federal Republic of Germany, Richard von Weizsacker, made a dignified plea for Germans to accept their past when he said in his May 8 speech in 1985, "It (the Final Solution) was concealed from the eyes of the public, but . . . who could remain unsuspecting after the burning of the synagogues, the plundering, the stigmatization with the Star of David . . . the ceaseless violation of human dignity. Whoever opened his eyes and ears and sought information could not fail to notice that Jews were being deported."

He goes on to say that there is no such thing as guilt or innocence of an entire nation — that guilt, like innocence was personal. He means that one cannot and should not accuse nations or ethnic groups for what took place 45 years ago, but "that everyone who directly experienced that era should today quietly ask himself about his involvement then."

These words can be, and should be, directed to all nationalities and ethnic groups of Europe. The Final Solution knew no boundaries and willing helpers could be found everywhere. But one should also not forget the few brave men and women everywhere who saw the evil perpetrated and tried to do something about it.

Therefore, I hope that the recrimination between the various ethnic groups in Canada will not flare up when the Deschenes Commission report, even its heavily censored version, is released soon. Accept the statement of President Weizsacker that "the genocide of the Jews is . . . unparalleled in history" and that "we, the older generation, owe to young people truth."

Here come the Conservative women cantors

I'm now drinking a l'chaim to JTS

By
ELAINE KAHN

As resident insomniac, I have had many occasions to ponder the fact that, at least on the mouldy oldie radio stations I favor, female DJs are still trapped in the graveshift. I was just about to ponder that stupidity here in public when my resident cleric rushed in with good news on the music front — the Jewish Theological Seminary will, as of this May, permit women to graduate as cantors. It was too early in the day to drink a l'chaim — I do that now while typing with the other hand.

JTS, the intellectual and educational fount of the international Conservative movement, has for years let women take the same cantorial training as men, but did not give them the official title or, by extension, its blessing on a cantorial career.

Only a small part of me says the decision was made specifically now because of the current dire cantor shortage — this May, only one man will graduate as a chazzan from JTS, with 2 groundbreaking women. I am too familiar with the issues involved to let cynicism rule. In fact, I am surprised JTS moved so (comparatively) quickly on the matter — it has been a little less than three years since it began ordaining women as rabbis.

Those of you who already know all this historical stuff can skip the above paragraphs. They were written only because it is so rare for me to find a Conservative Jew in Canada who has (a) heard of JTS, (b) realizes it is not a kind of Datsun, (c) knows that women rabbis are sanctioned by the Conservative movement, not invented by Isaac Asimov, (d) cares.

Having lobbied hard for the Conservative ordination of women and having been consulted by those who were pushing JTS to allow women to be cantors, I'm glad it's all over — which it is, except for the shouting. For there will be shouting, and most of it will come from within the Conservative movement itself, which prides itself on its diversity.

Not being too bright, all I have been able to figure out is that "diversity" means some sharp Conservative rabbi could make a mint, especially in Canada, with a Michelin-type guide to Conservative shuls' status of women policies. One star, for example, could mean women are given aliyot every Rosh Hodesh there is an eclipse. Two could indicate that, when a female rabbi arrives from out of town for her nephew's bar mitzvah, the shul president is legally bound to remember to call her "Rabbi," when he asks her to pour.

A Toronto Conservative rabbi once told me increased synagogue rights for women were wrong because, if granted, the shuls would be overrun by women. I said nothing, realizing he was overtired and obviously confusing the issue with a recent epidemic in the schools.

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My favorite Toronto cantor once told me he was against having women as colleagues because, after ogling them as they sit around the pool in bikinis at cantors' conventions, he'd have trouble treating them seriously on the bimah. He, of course, sits around the pool in a full-length Gottex kittel and Blue Jays cap — or so he said.

Tonight I sit north of the 49th parallel and applaud JTS. But JTS, can you hear me?

Opinion

Victim of anti-semitic campaign in Poland

Cancer researcher's story rings with poignancy

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

WINNIPEG —

Edward Baral lay in a hospital ward 18 years ago, thinking he was doomed. Today, he tends to the sick and the dying, a healer par excellence.

Conceived in Nazi-occupied Russia, raised in Communist Poland and nurtured in neutral Sweden, Baral now lives and works in this frigid gateway to the Prairies, a dedicated clinician and eminent cancer researcher whose reputation spans continents.

In microcosm, his story is the story of thousands of Polish Jews who survived the Holocaust, only to find themselves scapegoats once again.

Born in Lwow, now part of Poland, Baral is the son of medical doctors who were hidden by peasants during the war. His father, after whom he is named, was betrayed by a patient hours before the Soviet army liberated his area, captured by the Germans, and killed.

Baral's mother, a pediatrician who began her studies at the University of Warsaw in 1939, was heartbroken. But life goes on. Several months after her husband's murder, she gave birth to her one and only child, now a 42-year-old man with two children of his own and a third on the way.

Rude awakening

Baral grew up in Poland, in the Silesian town of Bytom, and, like many Jews in postwar Poland, he felt he belonged there. The rude awakening came in 1968 and 1969, when the Polish government stage-managed an anti-semitic campaign dressed up in anti-Zionist colors. Thousands of chastened Poles of Jewish origin left, hounded out of their supposed homeland. Baral, one of the emigres, went to Stockholm to pick up the pieces of his shattered life. His mother, who has since remarried, immigrated to Australia in 1974.

Nearly two decades after these momentous events, Baral finds himself at the Manitoba Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation, where he treats patients scarred by various forms of cancer. A graduate of the School of Medicine, in Katowice, Poland, Baral also holds a rare dual appointment as associate professor of radiology and associate professor of medical oncology (the study of malignant tumors) at the University of Manitoba.

Before his arrival in Canada, Baral headed the breast cancer division in Stockholm's Karolinska Hospital, and was an associate professor of oncology at the Karolinska Institute, one of the foremost centres of cancer research in the world.

Baral, who specializes in breast and lymphoma cancers, spends much of his time looking after his patients, who range in age from 2 to 94. But he is also committed to his research. Baral, whose PhD thesis was entitled Some Aspects of Immunological Reactivity in Human Malignancy: The Prognosis Significance and the Effect of Irradiation, believes that the Manitoba Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation compares favorably with the Karolinska Institute.

"A great deal of good work is going on here," says Baral, who is here on a sabbatical. "And Canada is a country with very advanced (cancer) research, despite limited financial resources."

Baral, who has lectured in Haifa's Rambam Hospital, came to Canada at the urging of Winnipeg doctors he had met at international conferences. At their suggestion, he visited Winnipeg twice — in 1984 and again in 1985 — before deciding to bring his wife, Lola, and two sons, Stefan and Fredrik, here. "I liked the people, who are very warm, and I think the centre has good potential. For me, the Jewish community was interesting. It was strong and cohesive. That's a cohesiveness I hadn't seen elsewhere."

In his research, Baral studies lymphocytes (immunological types), and that places him in a good position to advance man's expanding understanding of cancer. The treatment of cancer, he explains, has come a long way since he graduated as a medical doctor in 1969. In the near future, he predicts, 70% to 80% of cancer patients with malignant tumors will be successfully treated.

It was "pure coincidence" that brought him to his present field of study. After leaving Poland, he specialized in internal medicine. Then, out of curiosity, he "sort of wandered" into oncology for what was to be a temporary 6-month trial run. He liked it so much that he stayed. "It is an area that combines many related fields of medical disciplines," he says.

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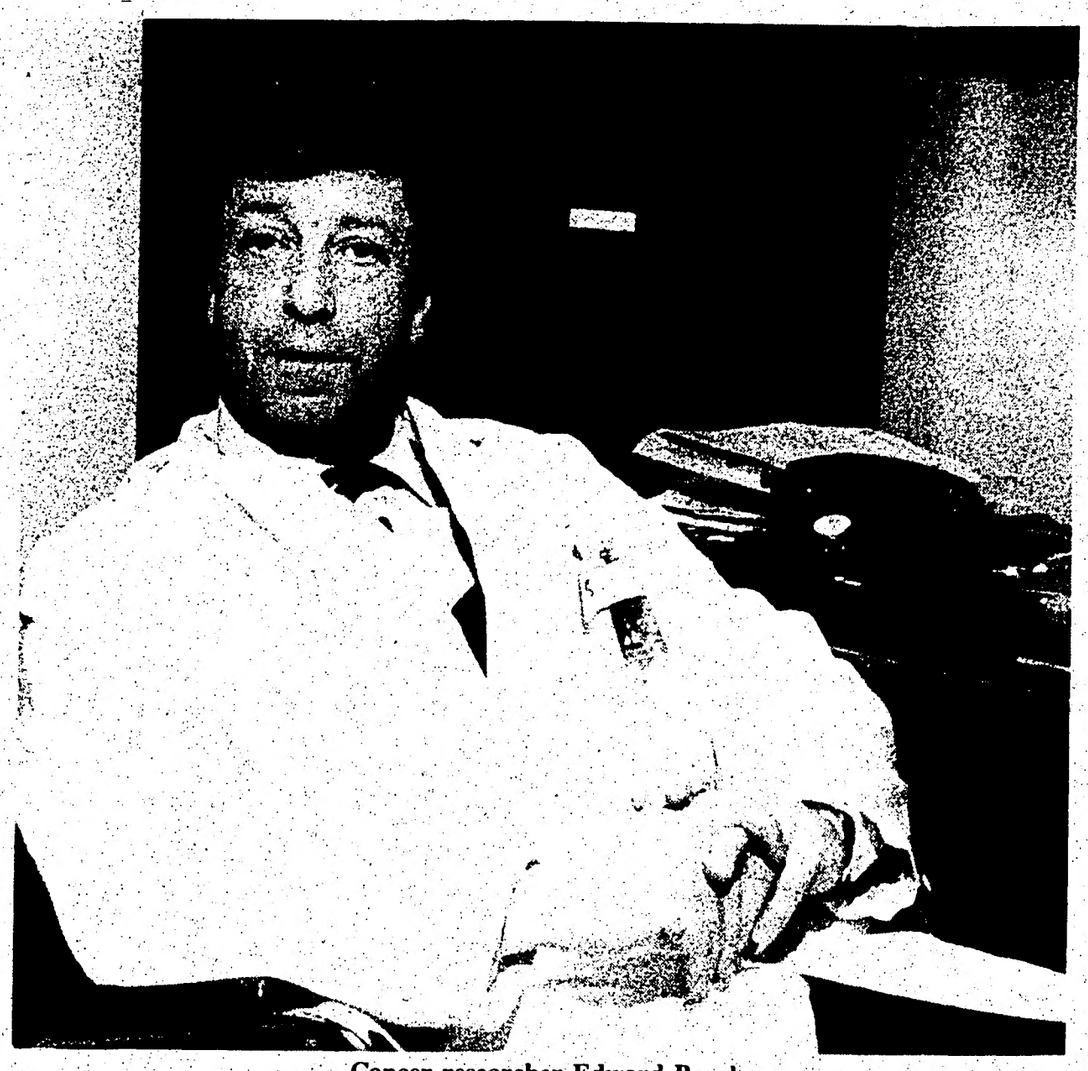
When Baral was conceived, the Nazis were systematically exterminating the proud, long-established Jewish community of Poland and his parents were hiding from the Nazis in Tarnapol, his father's hometown.

Why, under these trying circumstances, did they conceive a child? "It was an expression of pure love," he replies.

After their marriage in 1942, they were taken to a concentration camp. They escaped and, for a price, were hidden by a Catholic family. The Barals shared their cramped quarters with another Jewish family, the Ashkenazays, who had two young sons. The elder Ashkenazays have since passed on, but their two sons, who reside in Beverly Hills, Ca., are extremely close to Baral. As he puts it, "We're closer than brothers."



Cancer researcher Edward Baral.

Baral's father, a surgeon and graduate of the University of Prague, left his hiding place one day to search for food. It was a fatal mistake. A Ukrainian patient spotted him and informed on him. He was only 35 when the Germans murdered him. His death has had a lasting impact on his wife, who to this day is reluctant to talk about those terrible years.

Edward, his namesake, had an uneventful upbringing, save for the occasional anti-semitic epithets hurled at him when he was growing up. Despite such jibes, Baral became well assimilated into Polish society. "I was aware of my Jewish background, but I was a Polish patriot," he says.

In the autumn of 1968, after the start of the infamous anti-semitic purge which resulted in the eventual emigration of some 30,000 Jews, Baral was hospitalized. Doctors suspected acute leukemia, but it was nothing worse than a bad case of mononucleosis.

Lying there in his bed, over three months, Baral had time to think analytically about his life in Poland.

He was deeply upset by the anti-Jewish polemics he read in the press, resentful that his fellow Jewish citizens were being described as "fifth columnists," and indignant that they were being dismissed from responsible jobs just because they were Jewish. (His mother, the deputy head of the maternity ward in Bytom's hospital, did not lose her job.)

Baral was ineradicably shaken. "My shocking discovery was that Poland was profoundly anti-semitic. Anti-semitism had always been suppressed, coming into the daylight in 1968 and 1969."

If not for all this, Baral says he would have had no reason to leave Poland.

In retrospect, he feels keen disappointment, rather than bitterness, at the sudden turn of events.

Although Baral was not forced to emigrate, he decided that he had to, if only to preserve his self-dignity. His mother, for personal reasons, remained behind after his departure to Sweden.

Baral did well in Sweden. He continued his education, and met the woman he would marry — the daughter of Polish Holocaust survivors who immigrated to Sweden right after World War II.

Why Sweden? The Swedish government graciously opened its doors to Polish refugees, and Baral liked the idea of sinking roots in a democratic, neutral nation like Sweden. Furthermore, he wanted to live in Europe, not too far from his mother.

As he tells it, Polish refugees have prospered in that Scandinavian country, whose total Jewish population numbers about 20,000. "They've adapted extremely well. They are one of the most successful immigrant groups ever to have settled in Sweden. When they reached Sweden, they were young and highly educated."

In all his years in Sweden, Baral never encountered open anti-semitism, though there was a "pronounced" anti-Israel trend in the media, which he did not appreciate.

Baral, who led a traditional, though non-religious Jewish way of life in Stockholm, says he is "very happy" in Winnipeg. Not even the incredibly cold winter weather for which Winnipeg is renowned fazes him.

His wife, an executive secretary by training who is in her sixth month of pregnancy, likes Winnipeg, too, but she is a bit homesick. Recently, she visited her family. Their two sons, who are 10 and 12, enjoy Winnipeg immensely. "It's quite impressive how easily they've adapted."

Baral and his wife have yet to decide whether they will make Canada their permanent home. It will certainly be Canada's gain — and Sweden's loss — if they decide to do so once his sabbatical expires.

Would be fitting observance of Israel's 40th

Parade of achievement floats appropriate

By
CARL ALPERT

JERUSALEM —

The 40th anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel does not occur until the spring of 1988, but since it is a good round number, and therefore "celebratable," plans are already under discussion here for fitting observance of the date. A debate has ensued with regard to the form the celebrations should take.

A ministerial committee on ceremonies reached a tentative decision to make a full-scale military parade the centrepiece of the celebrations. The argument was that it would promote a surge of patriotic feeling and heighten the sense of national security. The sight of well-trained, massed troops marching in precision formation, the endless ranks of huge tanks and other armored vehicles, the heavy artillery, the perfect formations of military planes flying overhead — all inevitably create a sense of pride and bring a lump to the throat.

Furthermore, such a parade would serve as demonstration and warning to any enemies, near or far, who may have aggressive intentions. This kind of massive show of power would be well calculated to assure peace in the Middle East, it was claimed in some quarters.

Significantly, Minister of Defence Yitzhak Rabin and Chief of Staff Moshe Levy came out against such a parade on two grounds: the cost involved and the interference with normal training which would be caused by all the preparations. A number of other cabinet members, among them Minister of Education Yitzhak Navon went on record in favor of the parade. Neither Yitzhak Shamir nor Shimon Peres expressed an opinion.

Opposition also came from leftist and pacifist circles which opposed any further expression of militarism in Israel. Soldiers are no novelty here, they maintained; we see them everwhere, and their very presence helps to foster the military spirit which is so alien to the Jewish people.

Raise morale? This may have been necessary in the days of large aliya, when the country had many newcomers who had to be integrated into the life and spirit of Israel, the critics said. Today there are few new immigrants who have to be impressed in this way, one observer noted, adding wryly that the many yordim, Israelis who have left the country, would certainly not be attracted back here by a military parade.

Innovative picturesque displays

The decision was finally announced — against a military parade.

We have had occasion to discuss this matter in previous years as well, at which time we advanced an alternative suggestion — which we repeat here.

Independence Day should provide Israel with an opportunity to parade before the people not only our military prowess, but also our growth, development and progress in other fields. Artistic and ingeniously designed floats could depict Israel's achievements in science and technology, agriculture and industry, culture and the fine arts — all projected dramatically. We are supposed to know something about the art of showmanship, and instead of unveiling a new weapon, Israel could on Independence Day reveal a new breakthrough in man's battle against the desert, poverty or disease.

A motorcade of gaily decorated farm machinery might not rumble as much as Merkava tanks, but they would accent an Israel with a different set of values.

Private industries, institutions, organizations, government deparetments, youth groups, professional bodies, all could vie with one another in producing innovative and picturesque displays on wheels which could transform this into one of the most unusual parades ever held anywhere — and perhaps commanding more media coverage than any standard military parade could receive.

And if we require a reminder of the need for defence, the parade could begin and close, symbolically, with a mighty armed tank at each end.

Such a parade need not be limited to one city and one march. With proper planning and organization, large parts of it could stage repeat performances in the major cities of the country, as well as in border towns and development areas, encompassing everyone in the country. Nobody would be left out.

And for tourists, word could go out that the greatest spectacle since the assembly of Noah's zoo, or since the crossing of the Red Sea, would be on display in Israel during the country's 40th anniversary. That's a show that should be able to draw crowds.

Opinion

New Arab consul-general wants barriers removed

By
GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM (JTA) —
As it approaches the end of the 39th year since its founding, the State of Israel has made an historic and unprecedented move — it has appointed a young Israeli Arab to an important and prestigious diplomatic post abroad (CJN Feb. 19).

Muhammad Masarwa, a 45-year-old lawyer from Kafr Kara village near Hadera, will be Israel's next consul-general in Atlanta, a post he assumes next summer. He will be the first non-Jew to head an Israeli diplomatic mission anywhere, and his appointment demonstrated Israel's confidence in itself and in its 750,00 Arab citizens.

Masarwa is Moslem. He speaks Hebrew with fluency and eloquence, as he does English and Arabic. He heads a successful law firm in Hadera and has represented the mainstream of Israel's Arab society at public events. He combines boyish good looks and silvery curly hair with the shrewd intelligence often attributed to his profession.

Masarwa is not particularly excited by his elevation to the highest position ever held by an Israeli Arab. "This should have been done a long time ago, in other offices as well. The excitement is over the fact that after much talk something was done," he told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in an interview after his appointment was announced.

Previously the highest position held by an Arab in Israel was deputy minister of health, occupied until the early 1970s by the late Abdul Aziz Auabi of Nazareth, a Mapam Knesset member. A Druze, Sheik Jaber Muadi, was deputy minister of communications and agriculture.

But there have been no Arabs in senior positions since 1977. There has been talk recently of appointing an Arab to the Supreme Court, but this has yet to materialize.

"There is no reason why an Arab should not be appointed director-general or deputy director-general of a government ministry," Masarwa said.

But he does not favor a "symbolic" appointment of an Arab as a minister or a Supreme Court justice just because he is an Arab.

"I believe that Arab citizens of Israel should have an equal opportunity to put forward their candidacy to any civil service opening," Masarwa said.

"Once this is done, I believe that Israel's Arabs will become full partners to the Jews in Israel and gain the place they deserve in the society."

He is convinced there are plenty of Arabs capable of filling such jobs. But they face a "technical limitation" — the condition often demanded by Israeli employers, public and private alike, that only veterans of the Israel Defence Force be hired. Israeli Arabs are not drafted to serve in the IDF for security reasons. But Masarwa believes this is often used as a pretext not to employ Arabs. "One should do away with this barrier," he told the JTA.

Masarwa began his public life in 1963 as secretary of the Arab Student Union at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. At that time there was a campaign to abolish the military government which had been in charge of Israel's Arab population since the War of Independence in 1948. Masarwa was active in that campaign.

In 1976, he became the first — and youngest — Arab elected mayor of his village when the system of direct elections was instituted. He held office for two years. He was elected mayor again in 1983.

Pretending to be a Chelmer

By
J. B. SALSBERG

MIAMI BEACH —
I have discovered a conspiracy lined up against me here. Our loyal CJN readers plus many of my personal friends have conspired to disrupt my mission for a quick return of our exiled brethren to a normal winter lifestyle.

For instance — I spoke to some of them on the beach a couple of days ago and told them we had missed the tingling experience of the worst cold in years to hit Toronto. They just yawned and pointed out that half of Toronto is here anyways. And that could be true!

J. B. Salsberg

Then it dawned upon me that they were conspiring to keep me busy every moment of the night and day with social affairs, giving me no time to preach my message of return to Canada. I'm on a social merrygoround.

All this has made me realize that Florida has become the Chelm of legendary fame. Everybody here is a Chelmer — and like in Chelm, everything here is topsy turvey.

So I decided if you can't lick 'em, join 'em. I'm pretending to be a Chelmer too. But I do that only to win their confidence, so as to be able to bring them back home from the lunacy in which they live here. I don't know how successful I'll be but I'll try my best.

And if I succeed, the first information about this will reach you through your beloved newspaper, The CJN. But for the moment, I'll go along with the Chelmer who keep telling me how great the weather is here. Yes . . . it's warm . . . but it's raining!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and handwritten signature.

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SHAKESPEAREAN "ZUNDEL DISEASE"

Re Ontario Attorney-General Ian Scott's decision to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada a judgment ordering a new trial for Holocaust-denier Ernst Zundel:

Whatever happens legally, the "Zundel disease" of spreading false propaganda about the Holocaust must be eradicated.

To sweep the Zundel affair under the carpet would be a very dangerous decision.

Like any infectious disease, the disease of spreading false information must be treated like an infected sore — lanced and drained until it is completely clean.

With regard to the quotes from so-called experts cited in the book published by Zundel, Shakespeare once wrote: "The devil can cite Scriptures for his purpose."

Murray Jacobs
Toronto

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OPPOSES SILENCE ON ZUNDEL

Re the Ernst Zundel affair now referred to the Supreme Court of Canada:

I am aware of the arguments that to try Zundel again would not guarantee his conviction.

That it would force Holocaust survivors to relive their previous agonies.

And that it could subject the Jewish community to a debate reminiscent of medieval times, when not only persecution, but Jews and Judaism would themselves be on trial.

Not to retry this Holocaust-denier would constitute a posthumous victory for Nazism and a betrayal of our tragic six million who died.

Sidney Soban
Toronto

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PEARSON ON ISRAELI PEACE

Your recent article on Lester B. Pearson and U.S. pressure on Canada to sell arms to Israel in 56 recalled a significant interview I had with Mr. Pearson after he had retired from the Prime Ministerial office.

Mr. Pearson had, of course, won a Nobel Prize for his United Nations peacekeeping-force idea for the Middle East. But he never actually visited the Mideast until many years after he had retired from political office.

By then, he was almost a forgotten man, and when he returned to Canada, he was met by only two newsmen — a young reporter for a radio station and myself. I was then with CFCF-TV, Montreal.

"Let me talk with the lad for a moment," he said to me in the VIP lounge. "And then we can chat."

After a brief radio interview, we sat down for a television interview and additional conversation.

The most significant thing he said, at that time, was that his visit to Middle Eastern countries had shown him that "the government and people of Israel want peace, as do the people of the Arab countries."

He made no mention of a desire for peace on the part of the Arab leaders he had met.

Perhaps if Mr. Pearson had visited Israel and the Arab countries when he was in power and had considerable influence in international circles, an earlier start might have been made on the long journey to peace in that troubled portion of the world.

Joe King
Montreal

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"GRAYHEADS GRAB FOR FREEBIES"

Re your Feb. 5 article about the Association of Jewish Seniors opposing the federal government's Drug Patent Act headed "Seniors challenge proposed generic drug bill":

I can't believe the almost obscene posturing of these *shnorrers*!

They freely admit they pay no OHIP premiums. They have a "free" Ontario drug benefit plan. They have unlimited access to physician and hospital care without extra cost.

And still it isn't enough! They want free eyeglasses and dental care.

I presume they still expect to pay their lawyers and accountants privately to take care of their real estate, investment and other business matters.

These people just can't seem to get it through their gray heads that they are demanding more and more charity. Because that's what it is — charity.

They can only have these freebies if enough younger people continue to work hard and allow their earnings to be confiscated so that seniors can have more and more.

M. L. Mador
Toronto

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CHALLENGES RABBI'S CLAIM

Re Rabbi Menahem Fogel's Dec. 11 letter, "Only Polish handful helped," claiming I was "very defensive" of the role played by Polish citizens in the rescue of Jews during the Holocaust years:

Rabbi Fogel has claimed for the second time — without being able to substantiate it — that the Dutch sheltered a large number of Jews, whereas the Poles saved "only a handful."

The statistics that I cited in my previous letter were not mine, but those of a number of leading Jewish Holocaust sources.

They confirm that, at the very minimum, 20,000 Jews were sheltered by Poles.

However, they pertain only to Warsaw and Catholic convents and monasteries throughout Poland. In actual fact, the total number of Jews sheltered was probably much higher. (It must also be pointed out that of Poland's 3.3 million pre-war Jews only about 2 million lived in ethnically Polish territory.)

Rescuing Jews in occupied Europe entailed rescuing individuals, not percentages. It does not assist Rabbi Fogel's position, therefore, to write that a somewhat higher percentage of Dutch Jews were sheltered. In absolute numbers, the Dutch — a nation of 9 million — sheltered only some 10,000 Jews.

By comparison, the pre-war Polish population was around 24 million, of whom 3 million were annihilated by the Nazis (who was to rescue them?) and another 3-4 million were deported to the Reich as slave labor or to Siberia, leaving less than 18 million Poles in occupied Poland.

They managed to shelter at least 20,000 Jews under an occupation that was far more severe than in Holland. The proportion of Poles who took part in the rescue of Jews, albeit small, would certainly be no smaller than that in Holland.

The one marked difference in the attitude of the Nazis toward the local population who aided the Jews, was that, in Poland, those found or suspected of aiding Jews faced summary execution, whereas in Holland and other countries such measures were virtually unheard of.

R. Tynder
Director
Polish Alliance Press
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MOSCOW TRIES TO FOOL US

While we all rejoice at the release of dissident physicist Andrei Sakharov, such actions on the part of the Soviet Union must be put in their proper context.

The prime motivation for the Soviet Union in allowing Dr. Sakharov to return to Moscow, and indeed for releasing Yuri Orlov and Anatoly Scharansky, after years of imprisonment, was an attempt to gain favor in the eyes of the Western press.

It was also meant to remove irritants taking away from the new public posture of the Soviet Union which attempts to show that today's Soviet Union is a more open and humane society.

We must not be deceived by these acts of tokenism.

As Christians enjoy Christmas and Jews celebrate Chanukah throughout the world, their co-religionists behind the Iron Curtain continue to be denied freedom of religion and the right to worship as they see fit.

The call by Mikhail Gorbachev for an international conference on human rights to be held in Moscow is preposterous and perverse.

An apt analogy would have been for Adolf Hitler in 1941 to have suggested that Berlin be the site of an international conference of rabbis.

Bert Raphael
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Toronto film producer Lili Fournier has optioned two film scripts as result of CJN article about her company.

ESCAPIST SCRIPTS PAY OFF?

This note is to bring you up to date on the avalanche of film scripts that have poured in since Frank Rasky's entertainment article last year about myself and my Toronto-based Fournier Film Production Inc.

He wrote about my search for scripts on behalf of a major Los Angeles production company, with the finances to produce feature and TV films budgeted at more than $6 million.

First the good news: As a direct result of Mr. Rasky's article, we have optioned two excellent scripts.

One is *Colette* by two Toronto writers, Jacqueline Shwartz and Olivia Ward. The other is *Dixie* by two Vancouver-based writers, Gordon Robback and Stewart Lindh.

Now the bad news: I received too many downbeat scripts, which were unusable because they were gloomy autobiographical scenarios about Holocaust experiences, or stereotype scripts, which were takeoffs on *Raiders Of The Lost Ark* or hackneyed spinoffs of old Mountie-and-Indian films.

This is to remind your readers I am wide open for escapist screenplays — comedies, fantasies, dramatic love stories and action-packed adventure sagas.

Also, if anyone has a completed concept scenario or script for a half-hour or hour-long sitcom TV pilot, I'd be happy to see it. It's wonderful how creative your Jewish readers are.

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World-National

Description of "death factory" presented

Demjanjuk lawyer disputes Israel's jurisdiction

By
JTA & UPI

JERUSALEM —

The trial of John Demjanjuk opened in Jerusalem district court last week and immediately became embroiled in legal argument over the defendant's identity and the court's right to try him.

Demjanjuk's American attorney, Mark O'Connor, maintained that the accused is not the former Treblinka death camp guard who was known to the inmates as Ivan the Terrible because of his brutality and was held responsible for the death in the gas chambers of 850,000 Jews and thousands of Gypsies.

Furthermore, O'Connor insisted, the Ukrainian-born retired automobile worker from Cleveland, Ohio, is a victim of evidence fabricated in the Soviet Union, the victim of a KGB plot, and that he was extradited from the U.S. on a murder charge but is now being charged with war crimes, crimes against humanity and crimes against the Jewish people.

O'Connor also challenged Israel's right to bring him to trial because the alleged crimes were not committed on Israel's soil, were not committed against Israeli citizens, and were not committed by a citizen of Israel.

Judge Dov Levin, president of the 3-judge panel hearing the case, enjoined O'Connor repeatedly to confine himself strictly to the matter of jurisdiction and to leave the question of identity to a later stage, after the prosecution has presented its evidence.

But O'Connor insisted that the issues were intertwined and the court allowed him to present his arguments on both jurisdiction and substantial proof.

In addition to Levin, who is a justice of the Supreme Court, the panel consists of two Jerusalem district court judges, Dalia Dorner and Zvi Tal.

On the second day of the trial, which is expected to last several months, an historian of the Holocaust, Yitzhak Arad, presented a detailed description of the "death factory" at Treblinka.

Arad, the director of the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial in Jerusalem, told how Jews were put to death in the gas chambers. At the height of the operation, some 15,000 victims were killed at Treblinka every day.

At one point, Arad said, the three gas chambers at the extermination camp were unable to cope with the load and many victims died of exposure and other causes while they were kept waiting in packed railroad freight cars.

Arad acknowledged under cross-examination that he made no effort to substantiate claims that Ivan the Terrible may have been killed in a camp uprising in 1943.

He said that he had rejected the claims as "wishful thinking" by some camp survivors.

Yoram Sheftel, a Tel Aviv lawyer and defence co-counsel with O'Connor, hammered away at Arad's testimony in an attempt to establish that Ivan the Terrible died in a 1943 inmate uprising.

Cited as evidence were accounts by the late Abraham Goldfarb and two fellow Treblinka survivors, who said they heard he was killed in the revolt, although none of them saw him die.

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The trial opened in a converted movie house, but the 300-seat hall was not full, Haim Guri, Israel's national poet, reported in Davar. He noted that this was in stark contrast to the trial here in 1961 of Adolf Eichmann, the principal organizer of the Final Solution, the mass murder of European Jews.

Guri suggested in his commentary that Israel may be too involved with itself and its current problems to bear the pain of reliving the Holocaust.

The trial is expected to last at least three months. The proceedings are conducted in Hebrew and translated simultaneously into English and Ukrainian.

O'Connor's words are translated from English to Hebrew by an interpreter at his side.

The proceedings are being broadcast live by Israel Radio. Galei Zahal, the Army Radio, is offering frequent updates, summaries and commentaries throughout the day.

But Israel Television declined to broadcast the trial live on grounds that it is too expensive and there is insufficient public interest.

Shamir defends Iran policy

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rorism and the use of force. He added that it was also agreed that it was important to "look to the future instead of dwelling on the past."

Shamir said that while Iran was a leading supporter of terrorism, it was an important country in the Mideast and indicated that ways should be found to exert influence on it. As for the U.S. sale of arms to Iran, Shultz said this was an American decision. The administration official briefing reporters said that Israel has agreed to cooperate with the various American investigations of the Iranian arms sales.

Shamir stressed that the Israeli government "will respond to every question and request to clarification" from Congressional committees investigating the Iran-Contra affair.

"It will become clear that Israel acted in accordance with its obligations as a friend and ally of the United States," he said in response to a question after an address at a luncheon of the National Press Club.

During his speech before some 300 persons, Shamir declared that "Israel was not involved in any way in the diversion of funds (from the sale of American arms to Iran) to Contras."

He maintained that Israel's participation in the sale of arms to Iran was a result of its belief that Iran is a strategically important country and there is a need to influence its policies.

After Shamir met with some 60 members of Congress, Sen. Daniel Inouye and Rep. Lee Hamilton chairman of the Senate and House special committees investigating the Iran affair, said the Israelis agreed to answer questions in writing and submit a chronology of Israeli financial transactions and contacts with Iran.

Shamir refused to answer any specific questions, such as whether President Reagan approved Israel's sale of arms to Iran in 1985. There has been a conflict in testimony on whether or not Reagan authorized the sale.

Both Reagan and Shamir pointed to the U.S. decision to give Israel the status of a "major non-NATO ally," which allows it to bid on defence department research and development contracts. Shamir called this a "new dimension to our relations."

Also discussed during the visit here was the Israeli economy and Israel's agreement to allow the U.S. to build a relay station for the Voice of America in Israel.

Not discussed, according to officials, was the case of Jonathan Pollard, who is awaiting sentencing after pleading guilty to spying for Israel. When Shamir was asked about the Pollard case, he called it "a very painful experience" for Israel and said spying on the U.S. was "not a policy of the Israeli government."

Shamir stressed that Israel opposes apartheid, but in its relations with that country it must take "into consideration" the existence of an "important Jewish community."

He said Israel is a "small country" and cannot lead the struggle against apartheid. But, he added, Israel's dealings with South Africa are less than those of many Black African and West European countries.

Gloves are off in Herut

Shamir said that, despite his criticism of the Soviet Union, "we are interested in improving relations with Soviet Russia." He said it was not "normal" for the USSR to reject diplomatic relations with Israel.

He said that the first topic he would discuss with Soviet officials is Jewish emigration.

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Despite the awkward issues on his agenda in Washington, Shamir was probably enjoying a get-away-from-it-all trip to the U.S.

He has gotten away from the tribulations of a divided government and a divided Herut Party at home; and, amid the lavish ceremonial of official Washington, and in the warmth of American Jewry's welcome to him, he can put those troubles out of his mind, however briefly.

Two weeks prior to his departure witnessed a rapid and dangerous deterioration in the never very cordial relationship between Labor and Likud, the two major parties in the 2½-year-old national unity coalition. Crisis was in the air and politicians and pundits spoke openly of the government's imminent downfall and the possibility of early elections.

The issues that will face him in all their intractability when he returns are the budget and Israel's position on an international peace conference.

But beyond the issues, the Labor-Likud quarrels involved, for the first time, open and ugly exchanges between the two leaders themselves, Shamir and Labor's Shimon Peres.

The Premier told an interviewer that Peres had made a hobby of backing an international conference, to which Peres retorted that it is Shamir's hobby to oppose it and thereby consign peace prospects to oblivion.

Peres was quoted in Maariv as saying that Shamir was not fit to be Premier, to which Shamir responded on television that "Anyone believing that really ought to resign. . . ." Peres subsequently denied that he had made the statement.

Shamir's Herut Party, in a flurry of press releases, dredged up the sobriquet "indefatigable subverter," which Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin wrote of Peres in a book in 1978 when they were bitter rivals for leadership of the Labor party. Herut said Peres was deliberately subverting Shamir's visit to the U.S.

By using that phrase, Herut was knowingly raising the temperature of the political debate to close to boiling point.

Labor ministers warned in response that such inflammatory rhetoric could of itself bring the government down. They charged that Herut's — and Shamir's — extremism was caused by the bitter rivalries at the top of the rightist party.

In Herut, indeed, the gloves are off in the fight for the leadership, with the contenders apparently no longer prepared to wait for Shamir to step down of his own volition.

Ariel Sharon and David Levy could hardly have been encouraged by a firm predeparture statement by the Premier that he would "consider" retiring . . . in five years time.

The two challengers are marshaling their forces for the expected reconvening next month of the long-suspended party convention. This event broke up in pandemonium last year, with none of the succession tussles resolved.

Shamir recently put out feelers in the direction of Levy, with a view to isolating the Sharon camp. But the alliances are fast-shifting, and by the time the 2,000 Herut delegates assemble at the Tel Aviv convention hall in March it could be a free-for-all again.

The Jewish Quiz

QUESTIONS:

1. Which well known Canadian writer was born into a family steeped in Jewish learning and culture?
2. In whose memory did Canadian Jews establish a chair in Law at the Hebrew University?
3. What Yiddish musical was presented at Ottawa's National Arts Centre in 1971?

Edmond Lipsitz

ANSWERS:

1. Mordecai Richler; his grandfather, Rabbi Juda Yudel Rosenberg, was a rabbi in Toronto and Montreal.
2. Lester B. Pearson, former Prime Minister of Canada.
3. Dora Wasserman's Montreal Yiddish drama group performed the *Sages of Chelm*, written by A. Shulman.

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These questions and answers came from the book 6400 Questions About Judaism and the Jewish People by Edmond Y. Lipsitz, published by JESL Educational Products, Downsview, Ont. Dr. Lipsitz would be pleased to receive your comments, or to consider your own Jewish quiz questions for inclusion in future columns. Write to him, c/o Canadian Jewish News.

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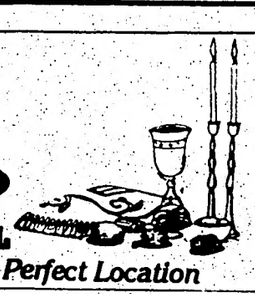

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Conversion issue vexes Chief Rabbis

"The Reform want to cut themselves off..."

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are concerned about their children and about them themselves. We don't want to cause a rift in the People of Israel. We want everyone to live in unity . . . the Reform want to cut themselves off from the People of Israel. And we in the name of their fathers and their children, are opposing them."

Rejecting notions from many Orthodox elements that the Reform are not really Jews, Eliahu insisted, "They're Jews! We can't say they're not Jews, and they [Orthodox critics] can't say they're not Jews." But Eliahu concedes the Rabbinate is vexed by intermarriage. "There is a mixing-in among them," he says.

"They will bring a person in from the other side [Christianity]. In the meanwhile, whether this other person has become a Jews or just a non-Christian — becomes a puzzling game for us."

Indeed, the Chief Rabbis themselves seem confused about the dilemma. Asked if they recommended mass conversion as "a way back," Eliahu loudly declared, "They're already Jews; there's no need to convert them," adding softly, "but there is a part of them who are not Jews." Asked to reconcile the two statements, he replied, "They cause us just such problems."

Both Chief Rabbis, however, invited all Reform Jews to come to Israel. "Every Jew is required to observe the commandments, and it is a mitzvah to live in Israel," reminded Shapira.

The Chief Rabbis were asked why Reform Jews were not entitled to the same freedom of worship in Israel that Jews themselves demanded while in the Diaspora.

"When the Jews lived in the Diaspora, we did not ask to take a Christian cross and dance on it," replied Eliahu. "We only wanted to be permitted to observe our Torah, commandments and rituals. Here in Israel, the Reform take our Torah — in which it is written that a man and a woman are forbidden to dance together, and that a man is forbidden to dance with another man's wife . . . and they do so. This we protest," declared Eliahu. "They therefore take a Torah scroll which for generations is holy to all of Israel, and denigrate it.

"Everyone has their religion and their code of laws," he continued. "If they act differently — this is not acceptable. . . . For example, If a Christian dances on his cross and claims that is worship, I'll oppose this as well."

Gesturing for emphasis, Eliahu argued, "The difference between us and the Reform is: we are continuing the tradition of our forefathers for generations, from the time of Moses to the present. They [the Reform] want to introduce new things."

In full agreement, Shapira added, "We do not accept the notion that one can change the religion. . . . The main problem with the Reform is that they have not known Torah, and . . . [this] brought about a situation whereby the Reform movement became a way-station to Christianity."

Asked whether God hears the prayers of Reform Jews, the Chief Rabbis tried to avoid a clear answer. When pressed, Shapira responded: "If he prays the way he is supposed to. But because he doesn't know how to do it correctly, then it's not the fulfilment of a precept."

Shapira explained: "In order to fulfil a commandment, one must study a great deal. Whoever does not study, doesn't know. If a person does not know how to, he cannot fulfil a commandment."

Speaking jointly through their interpreter Rabbi Yedidya Atlas, the Chief Rabbis clarified: "It depends on how he does it. If he's not doing it properly, the prayer is not accepted. If he's doing it properly, it's accepted."

Asked if Israel should be a secular or religious state, or perhaps both, Shapira answered, "There is no Jew without the Jewish religion. We only became a people when we received the Torah."

He added that because the secular Israeli state was intrinsically linked to Torah; "there is no Jew in Israel who doesn't have some kind of Jewish value. Some Jews observe more, and some less, but all maintain some Jewish values."

The Chief Rabbis asserted that an "ideal (pre-Messianic) state," would be totally governed by Torah, with elected officials handling purely public affairs, such as taxation and public works. "And if the government has problems," says Eliahu, "it would consult with the Council of Torah Sages, with a Sanhedrin." For example, the state would not "go to war without first consulting the rabbis."

Moreover, the Knesset would be abolished, according to Eliahu. But he quickly added that he was not against the present Knesset, "on condition everything goes according to Torah law."

Wouldn't betray friends: Daniloff

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express my gratitude enough."

The friendship between the Mariasins and Daniloff was, naturally, watched by the KGB.

Just before the Jurmala conference (near Riga) in September 1986 to show Western reporters the new Soviet policy of openness, the vice-director of the KGB for Latvia ordered the Mariasins to leave Riga to prevent any contact with the journalists. He made specific reference to Daniloff.

Alexander refused saying that if any came to see him, he would answer their questions.

Asked if his friendship with the Mariasins was used against him while in prison, Daniloff said: "Not in the course of interrogation.

"The interrogation never touched on any of my good close Soviet friends and if it had I was determined to fall silent and say nothing.

"But that problem never arose because the investigation focused only on the two points on which I was set up."

Daniloff said his incarceration demonstrated that the USSR suffers from an "underdeveloped judicial system."

It is not strictly independent and simply to be accused places the defendant in a second rate position, he said.

"The defence is not on the same level as the prosecution. There is essentially no jury.

"In the USSR you have a monopoly of power by the Communist Party and there is no check on it, no opposition, a system where there are no checks and balances as in the U.S. and so abuses can occur."

Added Alexander: "I guess that a lot of people don't value their freedom and at the same time many don't understand what goes on in the USSR with the limited freedom now given and what is going on altogether."

And while Daniloff believes the new policy of "glasnost" or openness "is more than PR," and praised recent articles in the Soviet media on drug addiction and police brutality, he said it is still a far cry from having a free press.

"When Pravda publishes cartoons of Gorbachev, then I will really believe it."

Asked if the recent release of several very high profile Refuseniks and Prisoners of Zion could be an attempt by the Soviets to "decapitate" the Jewish community and deprive it of leaders, Daniloff answered: "I think it's very likely. I think (decapitation) is a real danger.

"There are 400,000 Soviet Jews who (would like to emigrate) if they could be secure that if they went through the process they would be allowed to go.

"One senses there does not seem to be any fair rules as to who gets to go. In recent weeks, we have seen the resolution of several cases. Will Gorbachev allow the remainder to go? It is far too early to say that he will be generous."

Lavi tests to continue

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israel is continuing to test its second generation jet fighter plane, the Lavi, despite uncertainty about its future due to U.S. objections that it costs too much.

A Lavi prototype made its 10th test flight last week in less than two months. It was flown by Menahem Shmuel, chief test pilot of Israel Aircraft Industries (IAI), which designed and built the plane.

According to IAI, test flights will continue at an accelerated rate of two a week. A second prototype will enter the program in April and three more prototypes will be built and tested after that.

IAI said a total of 1,800 test flights will be made with all prototypes before the best is selected and put into production in about two years.

But the U.S., which is financing the Lavi through military grants, has urged Israel to abandon the project in favor of a American-built aircraft, the F-16C. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger appeared before the House foreign affairs committee in Washington last week to explain why the U.S. is opposed to the Lavi.

He said the Israel-built plane would be inferior to the F-16s, which are already part of the Israel Air Force, and that U.S. aid should not be used to further the Lavi project. The Israel Air Force has been flying the F-16A and F-16B for some time. The first three F-16Cs were delivered to Israel earlier this month. Israel has ordered 75 of the advanced F-16Cs.

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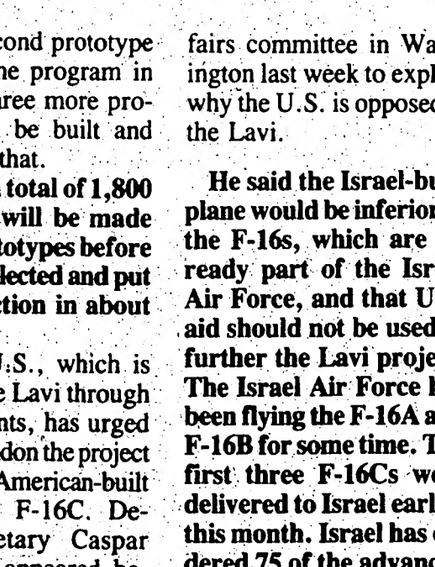

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Organizations and People

What's New

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

Thursday, Feb. 26

SEXUAL POLITICS

Jewish Student Federation invites you to a discussion on Sexual Politics in the Jewish Community, 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26 in Room B02, Administrative Studies Building, York University.

Panelists will be **Rabbi Debra Brin** of Darchai Noam Reconstructionist Synagogue and **Marcie Gilbert**, national membership director of Women's Canadian ORT.

For more details call the JSF, 736-5178.

WOMEN'S PRAYER SERVICE

Jewish Student Federation is sponsoring a Jewish Women's prayer service, Reclaiming our Spirit, 1-2 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 26 at the Scott Religious Centre, York University.

Phone 736-6178 to inquire further.

JEWISH VEGETARIAN SOCIETY

Tovia Pearl will lecture on Food Combining for Health, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26 in the boardroom of Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, 470 Glencairn Ave., just east of Bathurst.

This is under the auspices of the Jewish Vegetarian Society and admission is $1 for members, $2, non-members.

Friday, Feb. 27

All are welcome at an Oneg Shabbat to be held by Shaareh Haim Synagogue, 8.30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27 in the M.L. McConaghy Centre, 10100 Yonge St. (just north of Major MacKenzie).

Rabbi Lawrence Troster will lead the prayers and readings, and members of the congregation will conduct the singing. Refreshments follow.

For further information call 737-3080.

Saturday, Feb. 28

TEEN DILEMMA

USY (United Synagogue Youth) presents, Teenagers on the Horns of a Dilemma, for USY aged persons (13-18), their families and members of Adath Israel Congregation, 7.30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28 at the synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave.

Panelists **Rabbi Howard Markose** and **Cantor A. Eliezer Kirshblum** of Adath Israel, as well as **Mark Freedman**, executive director and youth director of USY in Ontario and **Susan Jackson**, a prominent spokesperson on youth, will probe the problems facing Jewish teens today.

TRIVIA ADVENTURE

The Associates' Group of the Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation will host a Trivia Adventure evening on Saturday, Feb. 28, starting at 8 p.m. in the Garnet Williams Community Centre, Clark St. east of Bathurst.

Master of ceremonies **Gary Barnartt** will conduct the trivia quiz.

There will be refreshments and door prizes.

Tickets are $10 each. For information and reservations, phone 781-3584.

BINGO NIGHT

Orah Branch, National Council of Jewish Women, welcomes you to Bingo Night, with cash prizes, door prizes, including a weekend for two at the Bristol Place Hotel (courtesy of Conquest Tours), and refreshments, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28 at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St.

Admission is $5 per person.

For more details call **Shelley**, 881-9344.

Sunday, March 1

LEO BAECK CELEBRATION

All alumni and friends of the Leo Baeck Day School are invited to celebrate its Bar/Bat Mitzvah 10.30 a.m. Sunday, March 1 at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

To inquire further call the school at 222-9220.

HAMILTON/NIAGARA TEENS

Attention Hamilton and Niagara Peninsula teenagers! An Israel program of videos, discussion, singing, dancing and Israeli food, is scheduled for Sunday, March 1 from 10 a.m. until 12.30 p.m. at the JCC West (Agnes McPhail School, Macklin St.), in Hamilton.

For additional information contact **Brenda** in Hamilton, 521-9561.

Sponsors for this event are the Israel Program Centre, Hamilton JCC and Beth Jacob Hebrew School.

HOLY BLOSSOM BROTHERHOOD

Edmond Lipsitz, executive director, Ontario Region, Canadian Jewish Congress, and author of 6,400 Questions About the Jewish People, will address Holy Blossom Temple Brotherhood, Sunday, March 1.

Service is at 9 a.m., breakfast 9.30 and talk, 10 o'clock.

KEHILLAT SHAAREI TORAH

Kehillat Shaarei Torah Couples Group and Membership Committee, plans a gathering at 8 p.m. Sunday, March 1 in the home of **Gerry** and **Flo Urbach**, 15 Nomad Cres., Don Mills. **Manuel Putschi**, national director of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress, will relate some of his experiences in representing the Jewish community to a broader constituency.

Kehillat Shaarei Torah is an Orthodox synagogue serving the Bayview/York Mills area. Its permanent building is now under construction on Bayview Ave. at the corner of Fifeshire Rd. S. For additional information regarding this evening or for membership inquiry, call 444-5444.

Monday, March 2

PILLAR OF FIRE

Pillar of Fire, The History of Israel's Rebirth (1896-1946) continues 8 p.m., Monday, March 2 at Beth Tzedec Synagogue with Part 4 — The Gathering Storm (1933-35) and Disorder and Revolt covering the period of 1936.

The series includes extensive videotapes, lecture and absorbing discussion. Guest lecturer this week is **Dr. Joseph Nevo**.

Everyone is welcome, there is no charge and refreshments are provided.

Co-sponsors are Beth Tzedec Congregation and the Canadian Zionist Federation.

WOMEN'S ISSUES—AISH HATORAH

Aish HaTorah invites you to a challenging and inspiring lecture for women to be given by **Rebbetzin Faigie Twersky** of Milwaukee, 8 p.m. Monday, March 2, at 296A Wilson Ave.

Admission is $5.

For more information call **Leora**, 636-7530.

MONDAY MAGIC

Monday Magic or Mothers Against Going Incredibly Crazy, meets 9.30 a.m. Mondays, at Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

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On March 2, **Bernie Farber**, director of research for the Joint Community Relations Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, will discuss The Merchant of Venice: Exercise in Anti-Semitism.

Tuesday, March 3

EITZ CHAIM SCHOOL FAIR

Exhibits, presentations, workshops, will all be part of the Eitz Chaim School Fair for Grades 1-6, Tuesday, March 3 at 1 Viewmount Ave., 6.30-9 p.m.

Parents, students, and the community are all welcome. Admission is free.

ALUMA CANADIAN ISRAELI CLUB

An Israeli movie will be shown at the next meeting of the Aluma Canadian Israeli Club, 7.30 p.m., Tuesday, March 3 in the Fireside Lounge of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave.

For more information call **Ephraim Dloomy**, 631-7546.

SWEATER PARTY

Beth Torah Sisterhood, 47 Glenbrook Ave., is set for something different, a Sweater Party with a Light Supper, 7.30 p.m., Tuesday, March 3.

Cost is $3 in advance, or $5 at the door. For tickets call the shul office, 782-4495.

GROUP FORMING

Na'amat Pioneer Women Forest Hill/Cedarvale Chapter, invites members and prospective members to a meeting 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 3 at 44 Ardmore Rd., Apartment 2B. An exciting program has been planned.

RSVP, 636-5425 or 482-0018.

T'NACH STUDY GROUP

Cultural Council of Toronto Jewish Congress is sponsoring a T'nach study group 8.15 p.m. Tuesday, March 3 at Associated Hebrew Schools, 3630 Bathurst St. The group will examine Hagai, Introduction, Chapters I and II, with **Victor Sefton**. Call **Merle Goldman**, 635-2883 for additional information.

Wednesday, March 4

PILLAR OF FIRE AT BETH EMETH

Pillar of Fire, the History of Israel's Rebirth, continues at Beth Emeth-Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St., 8-9.30 Wednesday, March 4, with the segment, Disorder and Revolt, and commentary by **Rabbi Barry Schneider**.

MANIC-DEPRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

At the next meeting of the Manic-Depressive Association of Metropolitan Toronto, 7.30 p.m. Wednesday, March 4 in the First Unitarian Church, 175 St. Clair Ave. W., **Dr. Robert Cooke,** Clarke Institute of Psychiatry, will provide an Overview of Medications.

To inquire further call 486-8046.

NEW ISRAEL FUND

Women and Social Change: Perspectives from Israel and Canada, will be the topic for the first in a series of programs planned by the New Israel Fund of Canada. It is slated for 7.30 p.m. Wednesday, March 4 at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, Mezzanine Hall, 1700 Bathurst St.

Speakers are **Alice Shalvi**, chairperson of Israel Women's Network and **Chaviva Hosek**, past president of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women. Moderator is **Paula Caplan**, head of the Centre for Women's Studies in Education at OISE.

There is no admission charge and the community is welcome to attend.

For more information call the New Israel Fund, 785-1707.

TAXATION INFORMATION

Wednesday, March 4 from 7.30-8.30 p.m. in Don Mills Public Library, 888 Lawrence Ave. E. (west of Don Mills Rd.), a counselor from Revenue Canada will speak on changes affecting your 1986 tax return and will answer questions on taxation and tax law. This is free.

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POMEGRANATE GUILD

Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Textiles encourages the creation, documentation and preservation of authentic Jewish fabric artifacts for use in connection with Jewish ceremonies and life cycle events.

At the meeting on Wednesday, March 4, guest lecturer **Audrey Graham** will discuss The Common Roots of Jewish and Christian Arts.

New members are invited to join and participate. Memebership is $25 annually. Non-members are welcome for a nominal fee of $2. Coffee is served.

Meetings are held at 8 p.m. in Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St. (unless otherwise specified).

For information call **Faigy Grossman**, 656-5680 or **Sybil Geller**, 483-9904.

CENTRESTAGE FORUM

The Future of Canadian Broadcasting will be considered at a forum 8 p.m., Wednesday, March 4 in the St. Lawrence Centre, 27 Front St. E. Admission is free and audience participation is welcome.

This is one of a series of public forums being held across Canada, co-sponsored by the Canadian Association for Adult Education. The organization hopes that this debate will help to create a better understanding of our broadcasting options and generate momentum for reform of policies during the coming year. This is a unique opportunity for public input.

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Wills and Estates: Where Do I Go from Here? Guidelines for handling financial and legal affairs after a person's death, and directions for estate and will planning, are to be given when **Glenn Davis**, estate consultant for the Royal Trust, speaks at a meeting of The Benjamin Institute for Community Education and Referral, 8 p.m., Wednesday, March 4 at the Toronto Zionist Council, 788 Marlee Ave. (south of Lawrence) in the Haifa Room.

The lecture and discussion will be followed by refreshments

singles

For Singles information, please see the Announcements section in the classified ads.

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FOUNDATION DEDICATED

Anne Mandel of Burlington, Ont., listens as Prof. Aryeh Dvoretzky, president of the Weizmann Institute of Science, opens a ceremony dedicating the Anne Mandell Foundation in Neuro-Biological Research at the institute in Rehovot. Also at the head table are (from left) longtime Weizmann supporter Murray Koffler; Prof. David Samuel, director of the Centre for Neurosciences and Behavioral Research; Mark Mandell and James Kay, national chairman of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute. Following her return to Canada, Mandell also endowed a foundation at the Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem in honor of her mother, Freda Kaplan.

NEW CHAIRMAN

At a recent meeting of the Canadian Trade Union Council for Histadrut, Gordon Wilson was elected chairman of the Ontario Branch of the Trade Union Council for Histadrut. Also elected was Cliff Pilkey, honorary chairman of the Ontario Trade Union Council for Histadrut and Julie Griffin, national vice-president of the Canadian Trade Council for Histadrut. Seen here (left to right) are Gordon Wilson; Sean O'Flynn, secretary treasurer, Ontario Federation of Labor; John Harker, information officer, Canadian Labor Congress; Max Federman, national president, Canadian Trade Union Council for Histadrut; Cliff Pilkey and Julie Griffin.

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AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

MONTE CARLO/FUN AUCTION

Bring your friends... make a party, for Adath Israel Brotherhood's annual Monte Carlo and Fun Auction, Saturday, March 7 at the synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave.

Casino and bingo are 7.45-10.30 p.m., fun auction is from 9 p.m.

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For additional information call **Larry Sonenberg**, 787-1663.

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Scholar in residence will be **Rabbi Howard Sacknowitz**, who will consider The Wondering and the Wandering Jew.

Cost per person Main Lodge, is $155, Orange and Blue Lodges, $155. Add $5 for non-members.

Reserve early by calling **Elsie Rosen**, 789-4880.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Bathurst and Prince Charles is a recently opened apartment building for seniors, families and individuals with physical disabilities living in an integrated setting.

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PURIM AT SHAAREI TEFILLAH

Sunday, March 8 at 10.30 a.m. in the Apter Hall, Shaarei Tefillah Sisterhood is having a fantastic event for Purim with guest **Mary Linney**, who will focus on Floral Fancies with a Taste of Spring.

Bring a friend or two, and come enjoy what she will do.

Cost for guests is $2.50. paid-up sisterhood members, no charge.

Refreshments will be served.

Please reserve by calling 787-1631.

Saturday, March 14, Shaarei Tefillah Congregation plans a Purim celebration at 8 p.m. after the Megillah reading. Come in, or out of costume (prizes for best costumes).

Tickets, $5 per person, are available at the shul office, 3600 Bathurst St. in advance, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday to Thursday, or at the door.

Refreshments will be served.

Call 787-1631 to reserve.

TOURETTE SYNDROME

Tourette Syndrome Foundation of Canada invites everyone interested to attend a general meeting, 9.30 a.m., March 7, in Mount Sinai Hospital Auditorium, 18th floor.

Guest speaker will be **Dr. Anthony Lang**, a neurologist at Toronto Western Hospital and director of the Movement Disorder Clinic.

Tourettes is a neuro-chemical disorder affecting the central nervous system, resulting in multiple tics.

Admission is free.

To inquire further call 449-4842.

SONS OF DAVID ANNIVERSARY

The Hebrew Friendly Sons of David Mutual Benefit Society celebrates its 80th anniversary this year.

A banquet to mark the occasion is being planned for the fall, and members will be notified once a date has been set.

SCULPTURE EXHIBITION

Bronze sculpture by **Joe Rosenthal** is on view at the Art Gallery, Erindale Campus, University of Toronto, until March 8.

Gallery hours are Monday to Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.

JEWISH TRIVIA NIGHT

Oriah Chapter, Emunah Women, is holding a Jewish Trivia Night with **Dr. Yehudah Lipsitz**, author of 6,400 Questions About Judaism and Jewish People, 8.45 p.m., Saturday, March 7 at Banbury Community Centre, 120 Banbury Rd. (east of Bayview, south of York Mills).

Cover charge, $25, includes a buffet supper.

RSVP to **Marion**, 221-7988 or **Dorothy**, 223-5031.

JEWISH DISTRESS LINE

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For an interview, phone **Janet**, 636-1880. ext 230 or 271.

VENDORS FOR ORT SALE

Space is still available for vendors at the Toronto Women's ORT Mother's Day Gift Show and Sale in Thornhill Community Centre, 7755 Bayview Ave., 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, May 3.

For more information call the ORT office, 787-0297.

SPEAKER ON PMS

Zahav Branch, National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section, is seeking new members (ages mid-20s to mid-30s). Join now.

The next meeting is Wednesday, March 4, when the program will be on PMS (Pre-Menstrual Syndrome).

For further information and location call 927-1008.

HEALTH CENTRE VOLUNTEERS

Which one of these interesting jobs would you like to do?

The Seniors Health Centre, a new residence affiliated with North York General Hospital, has a variety of volunteer positions available.

A receptionist is needed to greet and direct inquiries during the mornings.

Help is also required in the tuck shop which is open from 11-12 each morning.

If you would prefer working more with seniors, you might enjoy becoming involved with the afternoon recreational program.

For additional information please call the Volunteer Centre, 481-6194.

LEAH POSLUNS THEATRE

Einstein, starring **Peter Boretski** and directed by **Gordon Wiseman**, previews at the Leah Posluns Theatre March 4, opens March 5 and runs to March 28.

A 1-man play written by Winnipeg-born **Gabriel Emanuel**, it has been described as " a fond and funny monologue that enfolds the audience in a great, grandfatherly embrace."

Boretski has starred on Broadway, in London's West End, The Edinburgh Festival and major theatres across Canada. As a film and television actor he has appeared in King of Kensington, Seeing Things, Charlie Grant's War, and is currently filming the new series, Chasing Rainbows.

For tickets and more information call 630-6752 or any BASS outlet. Group prices are available and there is an infrared hearing system.

Leah Posluns Theatre is located at 4588 Bathurst St. in North York.

SPRING FASHION SHOW

Leora Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women, presents a Spring Fashion Show Wednesday, March 11, at the Richmond Hill Country Club, 8905 Bathurst St., featuring Holly's ladies' wear and Le Bateau Blanc children's wear, plus a Jazzercize demonstration with fashions by Fever.

Door prizes, boutiques, makeup and hair design by **Mary Goring**, will add to the occasion.

Doors open at 7 p.m. for browsing, and the show is at 8.

Admission, including refreshments, is $12. For advance tickets call **Cindi**, 889-2393 or **Shelly**, 881-9827. Tickets will also be available at the door.

HEALTH AUCTION

The Canadian Natural Hygiene Society is having a benefit health auction on May 7 at 7 p.m. in the Toronto Board of Education Building, 155 College St. Donations of health related material or services, e.g. massages, facials, etc., would be appreciated.

Please call 781-0359 for more details.

SHALOM VILLAGE

Here is a list of events and activities for March at Shalom Village, 70 Macklin St. N. in Hamilton.

Monday, March 2 at 10.30 a.m. is Circle of Friends with **Carol Krames**.

Sunday, March 8 at 2 p.m., Simcha Sunday honors the birthdays of **Sylvia Waxman, Cillia Haas, Bessie Blumenfeld** and **Elsie Schoan**. Entertainment is by musical impressionist **Roy Emsley**.

Tuesday, March 10 at 8 p.m., **Louise Algranti** will talk about Turkish Jews.

Thursday, March 12 at 7.30 p.m., **Jennifer Skelley** examines the problem of Incontinence.

Tuesday, March 17 at 2.30 p.m., the **June Sweeny Dancers** will perform.

Thursday, March 19 at 7.30 p.m., guest speaker is **Rabbi Morton Green**.

Sunday, March 22 at 2 p.m., **Syd Levy** will entertain.

Tuesday, March 24 at 2.30 p.m., Intermarriage and its Effect on Jewish Survival, is the topic to be discussed by **Claire Mandel**.

Thursday, March 26, a Blind Auction will be held, with proceeds going to UJA.

The following ongoing programs continue through March: Exercise with **Bernie Burg**; Mosaic Tile with **Carol Smith** and **Anna Lalli**; Kumzitz with **Helen Yellin**; Singalong with **Rachel Goldstein**; Current Events with **Mark Nagler**; Ceramics with **Lois**; Crafts with **Crystal** and **Lil Wolfson**; Reading Group with **Karen Beer**; Bingo with **Nouley Howard** and **Shirley Gold**; Yiddish Readings with **Rena Freeman**.

To inquire further phone (416) 5218-5377.

MARCH BREAK IN NORTH YORK

Buckle up a pair of ski boots and spend March Break on the slopes at North York Ski Centre, Earl Bales Park, Sheppard and Bathurst, where downhill and cross-country skiing are offered, and rental equipment is available.

Two T-bars and one rope tow give easy access to the downhill slopes. Snack bars and fireplaces are located in both downhill and cross-country chalets.

Weather permitting, the centre will be open March 16-21, from 9.30 a.m.-5 p.m. Evening downhill skiing is also available. For daily conditions call 638-SNOW. For more information call 638-0459.

Sign up children ages 6-13 for a fun-filled week of mini-camp with North York Parks and Recreation Department's March Break Adventures ... fine arts, gymnastics, sports or pioneer workshops, March 16-20.

These are held at various centres and schools. Hours and cost vary with each program.

Call for a free flyer on March Break Adventures, 224-6254.

Put on your bathing suit and spend March Break afternoons in a pool. Free public swimming is available 2-5 p.m. March 16-20 at Don Mills, Downsview, George S. Henry, Newtonbrook and Westview pools.

Lace up your skates and spend March Break afternoons on the ice. Free public skating is available 2-4 p.m. daily, March 16-20 at the following North York arenas: Grandravine, Habitant, John Booth, Roding, Baycrest, Downsview, Don Mills, Woodbine, Bayview, Cummer, Flemingdon and Fenside.

There is shinny hockey at these locations daily 10-11.30 a.m. for 12-year-olds and younger, and 11.30 a.m.-1 p.m. for 13 year olds and older. All participants must wear a helmet.

For more information on March Break, call the Hotline, 224-6269.

OUR BIBLICAL HERITAGE

A spring series on Biblical Studies to be given by **Selma Sage** at 24 Lowesmoor Ave., Downsview, commences early in March.

Daughters of Zion, 10 Thursday afternoon sessions, 1.30 p.m., begins March 5 and continues through May 14 (with a Pesach break).

Lawgivers, Prophets, Psalmist and Sage, is on Wednesday afternoons at 1.30, March 4 through May 12, also with time out at Pesach.

Cost for each series is $120 per person and enrolment is limited.

Checks may be sent to Selma Sage, 24 Lowesmoor Ave., Downsview, Ont. M3H 3H7. Telephone 630-1579.

PURIM CARDS

To fulfil the mitzvah of shalach monos, it is necessary to send two food items to **one** person.

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SCIENCE FAIR

Students in grades 7 and 8 at Associated Hebrew Schools recently participated in the Annual Science Fair. One hundred students submitted exhibits in such areas as Physics, Chemistry and Biology. Grade 7 winners are (front row, left to right) Ricky Gordon, Rachel Lasry; (back row, left to right) David Bezmozgis, Sam Galet, Absent is Parry Berkowitz.

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Would you like a meaningful alternative to your ever-growing Purim list? Why not consider sending attractive cards conveying the Purim spirit, to your friends and relatives (two styles available, which may be purchased from the Bikur Cholim organization through Jewish stores in the Toronto area).

For further information call the Bikur Cholim office, 783-7983 or the project co-ordinator, **Zeldy**, 785-1672.

Your contribution will bring smiles to the ill and the needy.

MIZRACHI CONCERT

Tickets are now on sale for the annual Mizrachi Concert, Saturday, March 21 in Minkler Auditorium, Seneca College.

Featured entertainer is the dynamic **Gadi Elon** from Israel, whose songs range from traditional to modern.

New York comedian **Meyer Zaremba**, who finds humor in the Jewish experience, will also entertain.

Chairman for the event is **Allen Katz**.

To reserve your tickets and for additional details, contact the Mizrachi office, 630-7575.

FOLKLORE CONFERENCE

Ontario's first Folklore Conference is set to go March 6, 7 and 8, at Black Creek Pioneer Village, when leading folklorists from Canada and the United States will gather.

Co-sponsored by the Ontario Historical Society, York University and Black Creek Pioneer Village, the conference will explore folklore through the music, dance, oral history, folk art, textiles and everyday traditions of the people of Ontario.

Come and enjoy the exhibition and book fair which will showcase artisans, book exhibitors and craftspeople demonstrating various 19th and 20th century crafts and trades.

Registration is $60. A Saturday evening supper with wine is available for an additional $20.

For further information contact the Ontario Historical Society, 5151 Yonge St., Willowdale, Ont., M2N 5P5, phone 226-9011.

BABY TIME

Mothers, and babies ages 23 months and under, will enjoy a program of songs, games, stories and fun. This will help increase baby's listening skills and give mothers an opportunity to meet one another.

This is free but please pre-register, Black Creek Library, 2141 Jane St., at Wilson.

To inquire further call 495-3436.

ADOLESCENT EATING DISORDERS

The sharply increasing number of adolescents with eating disorders, anorexia, bulimia and obesity, are often unable to find a successful course of treatment.

The cause of eating disorders and the methods of treatment for individuals and their families, will be presented at CentreStage Forum, Adolescent Eating Disorders: Seeking Perfection, Finding Failure, to take place 8 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 25 at the St. Lawrence Centre, 27 Front St. E.

This public forum is co-sponsored by the Eating Disorders Program of The Hospital for Sick Children, a recently established service offering a unique integrated program of medical, nutritional and psychiatric treatment.

Admission is free and audience participation is welcome. For further information call 362-7041.

THEATRE DU P'TIT BONHEUR

Les Fantasmes Du Boucher, by "new wave" playwright **Victor Haim**, will be on the boards of the Theatre Du P'Tit Bonheur March 10 - April 5.

The story deals with the banality of day to day life for Luc and Pia, owners of a small business. To maintain some sense of happiness, they indulge in fantasies, but often, it is difficult to tell what is fantasy and what is reality — somewhat like real life.

Directed by **Rene Lemieux**, Les Fantasmes stars **Marie-Elaine Berthiaume, Marc Briand** and **Dennis O'Connor**.

Hours are Tuesday to Saturday at 8 p.m. (except opening night, Thursday, March 12 at 7.30 p.m.) and Sundays at 2.30 p.m.

Tickets, $7.50-$14 (special rates for groups, seniors and students), are available at the box office, 392-5193.

Theatre Du P'Tit Bonheur is located at 57 Adelaide St. E., Toronto, M5C 1K6.

THIRD FLOOR WINTER CAMP

Register now for Midwinter Madness, a March Break Camp for children ages 5-12, organized by The Third Floor, March 16-20.

Cost is $50 per week. Pick up your forms at 555 Mt. Pleasant Rd., 487-4096.

MEETING ON HUMAN RESOURCES

Michael Benjamin, chairman of the newly formed Human Resources Committee of Toronto Jewish Congress, will speak on Human Resources: What Your Role Is, a presentation on the recruitment, training and development of professionals and volunteers at the Monday, March 9 meeting of the Toronto Association of Professionals in Jewish Communal Service.

The meeting will take place 12.30-1.30 p.m. on the 4th floor of the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St.

There is no admission charge for members and a $3 charge for non-members.

Lunch will be available at $5 per person, starting at noon.

For reservations call **Bernard Shoub**, 633-7770.

at the jcc

JCC Valley Singles Network invites you to its Singles Support Group, 8 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 25, upstairs at Leslie St., when **Marsha Berniker** of Jewish Family and Child Service explains Why People Avoid Intimacy. Cost is $2 for members, $4, non-members. To make further inquiries phone **Sally, 889-0813 or Fran**, 731-5664.

Call the **JCC Singles Hotline**, 889-5101, for 24 hour taped information on happenings in the Jewish Singles community.

Come in costume to the **JCC North Y Branch** Purim Festival for children 2-6 years, 10 a.m.-12.30 p.m., Sunday March 8, 4588 Bathurst St. Have fun with the Sphere Clown Band, carnival games, arts and crafts, face painting, balloons, costume parade, clowns and prizes. There will be a nominal cost for carnival games and refreshments. For more information call 636-1880.

Sunday at Bloor, There's No Business Like Show Business. Three experts, **Ron Base**, Toronto Star film critic, **David Holiff**, entertaiment agent and **Stuart Raven-Hill**, tour manager, will talk about what happens behind the scenes. All this takes place 11 a.m. Sunday, March 1. Tickets are $4 to JCC members, $5, non-members. Price includes refreshments.

Meet people with similar interests in one of the adult classes at the Bloor Y (corner of Spadina). Programs range from pottery to Yiddish, photography to cooking for one. Call **Florence Marantz** or **Sarah Casse**, 924-6211, for more details or to be put on the mailing list. Registration for JCC members is March 8, non-members begins March 15.

Give your child a terrific March Break. Sign him/her up for March Break Fun Days. Each day includes special workshops, sports and swim. This is for children from senior kindergarten to grade 6. Cost is $12 per day. Pre-registration is essential. Call 924-6211.

A wonderful Summer Fun program for children ages 5-10 years begins later in the season. Non-competititve sports, arts and crafts, music, hobbies, instructional and free swim, are just some of the activities geared toward creating an atmosphere of care, learning and cooperation for everyone involved. Four 2-week sessions start June 29. To inquire further contact **Sarah**, 924-6211.

for seniors

Reserve early for the **Beth Tzedec Friendship Club Plus Fifty** Musical Luncheon, 12.30 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, at the synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St., when **Jill Vogel** will sing popular melodies. Cost is $6 per person. Call 781-3511.

The next **Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Program** for women 55-70 years of age, widowed less than two years, is scheduled for 12.30-2 p.m., Sunday, March 1 in the Lipa and Fanny Green Library, 55 Ameer Ave. For additional information phone 789-5131, local 2271, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Do you have hidden talent? Then share it with others at the **Good Age Purim Talent Show**, Thursday, March 12 at the JCC Bloor Branch (corner of Spadina). A good time is guaranteed for all. The Good Age Club meets every Thursday, 2-4 p.m.

If you enjoy stimulating conversation in a warm atmosphere, **Coffee House 60** is for you. Every week focus on a new topic for discussion or a skill to learn. Gatherings are Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m. Refreshments are always served at the Good Age Club and Coffee House 60.

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- 8:00 p.m. followed by a question period and refreshments.
- No charge. Everyone is invited.

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Israel "focal point of redemption"

Rabbi stresses aliya is mitzvah

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —
Rabbi Chaim Brovender came to Toronto to make Jews feel guilty about not moving to Israel, he warned the audience at a lecture sponsored by the Shaarei Shomayim Adult Education Committee and Tehila, the organization for religious aliya.

"It is the curiosity of our day that someone has to tell Torah oriented Jews that it's a mitzvah to live in Israel," mused the graduate of Yeshiva University, Itri Yeshiva and Hebrew University, and founder and rosh yeshiva of Yeshivat Hamivtar and Michlelet Bruria in Jerusalem.

While Orthodox Jews in the Diaspora are so conscientious about observing difficult religious laws, aliya is the "only mitzvah that hasn't had good fortune."

Although Brovender acknowledged that the obligation to move to Israel is not explicitly stated in the Torah, he nevertheless pointed out that like other universally accepted religious duties, it should just be observed, and not avoided for lack of proof.

When G-d wanted to give Abraham the greatest gift for recognizing His existence, He sent him to Israel. "Lech Lecha," arise and go (to Israel) is what G-d told Abraham, said the rabbi.

The position of Jews through the ages, says Brovender, is not to try to avoid doing mitzvahs, but to figure out how to do them no matter what.

"When men stopped wearing 4-cornered garments, for instance, they didn't stop wearing tzitzis (fringes): they developed a special item of clothing so that they could keep on doing it."

Doing mitzvahs is not simply what you do, he quoted Maimonides as saying. It is who you are, and "through the ages we have tried to make ourselves into what the Torah wants us to be."

There is a real difference between living in Israel and in the Diaspora, the rabbi asserted.

"In New York, whatever evil I see doesn't touch me. We can insulate ourselves from things we don't want to be a part of and from Jews we don't want to know."

In Israel, however, you can't turn away from unpleasantness: "You can't say they are not Jews, not my relatives, and I'm not responsible. You can't deny your relationship."

Nowhere else, he pointed out, does everyone listen so intently to the news reports — "those soldiers in Lebanon are my family."

Visionary, Zionist leader and Torah scholar Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook, said Brovender, called Israel in 1905 the "focal point of our redemption."

So strongly did he believe this, Brovender explained, that he considered the non-religious and non-believing as participating equally in the fulfilment of Biblical prophecy.

And, added Brovender, "the state created by those who denied Torah now supports more Torah students than any other Jewish location since the creation of the world."

The most difficult problem about aliya, he insists, is not whether it is or isn't a mitzvah — it is that Jews have devised a wonderful world outside Israel.

Don't measure Israel as you measure Canada, Brovender said. "The strain is greater, but the chances are unbelievable, and the dream has no bounds."

The rabbi also spoke at Tifereth Beth David Jerusalem Synagogue in Montreal on the secular/religious debate in Israel.

Ron and Annette Oelbaum display their award from the Toronto Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

Cantors' Assembly sets July meet in Israel

By
SAM MAINSTER

TORONTO —
Responding to Israeli President Chaim Herzog's call for increased tourism, the Cantors' Assembly, the world's largest body of chazzanim, is holding its 40th Anniversary Convention in Israel July 7-21.

Chazzanim from 20 countries are expected to attend, says Cantor Eliezer Kirshblum of Adath Israel Congregation, regional liaison for the convention.

Planned events include concerts featuring renowned cantors from around the world, musical and choir performances, sightseeing tours and a special torchlight Reaffirmation Service at the Western Wall.

A unique event will be services at the sites where Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are said to have originated the Shacharit, mincha and maariv services.

Because the convention coincides with the celebration of Jerusalem 's 20th year as a reunited city, participants can join in city festivities.

The convention will mark the first time that cantors en masse are leading tours to Israel.

Kirshblum stated that eight Toronto-area cantors, including himself, are expected to attend the convention. He was not sure of what the other cantors are planning, but he is preparing to lead a tour.

"Music is the lifeline to the spirituality of the Jew," said Kirshblum. "It further sensitizes him to what Israel is, Torah is, and being Jewish is."

Though the Cantors Assembly belongs to the Conservative movement, Orthodox and Reform cantors will be participating in the convention.

"Israel is supposed to be the focal point of bringing Jews together, and this convention is proof," he said. "It will be a meeting of musical nuances not only between cantors but between cultures."

For example, said Kirshblum, the convention will involve the meeting of East and West, of Ashkenazi and Sephardi Cantors who, he added, differ radically in their singing.

"The Sephardim are more authentic, still using the biblical chant, while the Ashkenazim have been influenced by the secular community with opera and other music."

Diabetes foundation honors volunteers

TORONTO —
The 1987 fund raising campaign for the Toronto Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation will be co-chaired by David Bloom, president and chief executive officer of Shoppers Drug Mart, and Gordon Cunningham, senior vice-president of Trilon Financial Corp.

The announcement was made at the chapter's recent Volunteer Recognition Party which was also told that last year's campaing raised $1.1 million in net proceeds — $100,000 more than its goal.

Awards were presented to the many volunteers who assist the foundation in its yearly fund raising campaign which includes a Rolls Royce Raffle and Gala Evening.

Among those honored were Annette and Ronald Oelbaum, longtime active members of the foundation, who received a special award from the Toronto Chapter for their "outstanding volunteer contribution."

In addition, four affiliated lodges of B'nai Brith — Circle Lodge, Leonard Mayzel Lodge, Forestdale Lodge and Thornhill Lodge were presented with the Chapter's Service Club Award for their assistance with the Gala's Monte Carlo Casino.

Dimes to roll

TORONTO —
Celebrities, interior designers, kitchen manufacturers and a host of volunteers and donors will be part of a fund raising gala for the Ontario March of Dimes on Feb. 27 at the Westin Hotel.

This is the second year the Ontario March of Dimes' Celebrity Gourmet Gala will be held, hosted by Salome Bey, singer and actress; and John Burgess of CITY-TV. The evening features a cooking competition between teams of celebrities in designer kitchens built right in the lower concourse of the hotel.

Tickets are $150 each and are available by contacting Bryn MacPherson at the Ontario March of Dimes, 425-0501. All proceeds will go toward helping disabled adults.

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For more information contact **Sarah**, 924-6211.

The **Toronto Board of Education** offers all types of singalong and choir classes, along with many other types of classes. Would you like to learn to play bridge? How about an aqua-fitness and free swim class? Do you have a skirt or dress you would like to alter, or some material to sew? Over 100 classes are taught in the City of Toronto. These are in the daytime and free to seniors living in Metropolitan Toronto. For a copy of the brochure phone 591-8238.

Taylor Place Senior Adult Centre is holding its annual Income Tax Form Assistance Clinics on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, throughout March and April, beginning March 3.

This service is available to any senior, 55 plus, with a maximum income of $14,000 for a single senior or $19,000 for a senior couple. Appointments are necessary. Call 447-7244. This is a confidential service. Special arrangements may be made for those physically unable to visit the clinic.

Taylor Place is at the corner of Overland Dr. and The Donway West, on the west side of Don Mills Shopping Plaza.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

Volunteers, any age, are needed for Meals on Wheels (drivers), in-house activities, outreach and clerical work. Please call **Joseph Kirschbaum**. Your help will be very much appreciated.

Exercise specialist **Cathy Notarious**, will explain How to Strengthen Bones Through Exercise, 1.30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26 in the synagogue.

Enjoy a comfortable afternoon of song and music 1.30 p.m., Wednesday, in the auditorium. Admission is $1.25 for members, $1.75, non-members. Refreshments are served.

A Candlelight Dinner with entertainment by the 60-piece North York Concert Orchestra, is slated for Wednesday, March 11. This event is open to members only, and total cost is $5, concert only, $1. For more information call **Barbara Zigler**, 225-2112.

About People

Bernice Levine, executive director of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue for the past 12 years has been appointed to the board of governors of the National Association of Synagogue Administrators. She is also a member of the Toronto Association of Professional and Jewish Communal Service and Synagogue and Temple Administrators of Toronto, as well as Toronto Women's ORT.

Bernice Levine

She recently attended a joint conference of the National Association of Synagogue Administrators and the National Association of Temple Administrators held in Scottsdale, Ariz. Also attending from Toronto were: **Nathan Abramowitz**, Beth Tzedec Synagogue, **Mel Olsberg**, Holy Blossom Temple, **Stuart Razin**, Beth Tikvah Synagogue, **Shirley Vernon**, Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue and **Arthur Tannenbaum**, Associated Hebrew Schools, a longtime member of the National Association of Synagogue Administrators.

Tax filing aid offered

OTTAWA —
Free tax assistance to new immigrants, disabled persons, low-income earners and senior citizens will be provided again this year under Revenue Canada's successful community self-help program.

Under the program, volunteers are trained by Revenue Canada Taxation officials to provide assistance in preparing income tax returns.

Last year some 3,650 volunteers assisted an estimated 75,000 people with the completion of their returns.

Individuals interested in volunteering, or those requiring assistance are encouraged to contact the district taxation office at (416) 973-0813.

Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care

The members of the Board of Directors of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care extend their sincere condolences on the passing of the following members of the community. We are grateful that their families have chosen to perpetuate the memory of their loved one by establishing a memorial fund at Baycrest Centre.

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Those interested in making memorial donations may call Baycrest Centre at 789-7071.

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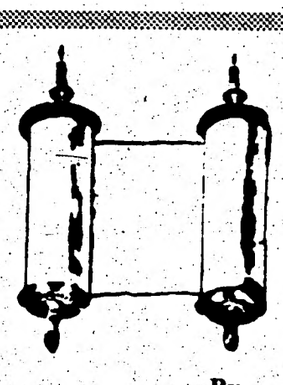

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN
Parshat Mishpatim/Rosh Chodesh Adar

My Beloved Avraham Yosef:

This Sunday you celebrate your Bar-Mitzvah. When your brother was bar-mitzvahed four years ago, I wrote him a column of advice. Now it is your turn.

But it is not so easy. Four years is a long time. As you get older, life grows more complicated. What was once so clear, is not always what it appears to be. Outsides don't always count, or appearances, or speeches.

Anyone can talk a good game, anyone can give a loud drasha. Actions mean more than all the words. There are people out there who seem to be so plain, simple — and they are really great tzaddikim, Lamed Vuvniks.

Who is good and who is bad? Only God knows. There is only one solution — love everyone you meet.

Never shame anyone. This week's parsha of Mishpatim describes the life of a thief. If a thief stole an ox, he had to pay back a fine five times the value. If he stole a sheep, he had to pay only four times.

Why less? Rabbi Vochana ben Zakkai explained: The Torah was sensitive to the fact that the thief of a sheep had to humble himself carrying off the animal. He suffered shame, so he was given a lesser sentence.

If the Torah was concerned with the shame of a thief, what about the same of a human being who is not a thief?

You can learn a lot from thieves — and from everyone around you. Taught Reb Bunim of Parshischa: Three things you learn from a thief — he is not lazy; neither weather nor the darkness of night deter him. He doesn't let failure stop him; he tries again and again. Nothing is too small for him to pick up.

No mitzvah is too small.

Love everyone, Avraham Yosef, but don't be afraid of anyone. Whether you will be rich or poor is in God's hands, but to be a mentch, to gain a good name, that is in your power.

Learn from your past. . . .

Learn from your grandfathers from the Stretiner Dynasty who loved every Jew, not to look at faults, but only the good;

Learn from your grandfather, the Baal Shem Tov, to be willing to give up even the World To Come in order to perform a mitzvah, and to serve God through joy;

Learn from your grandfather Reb Uri of Strelisk who was known as the Sarapah, the fiery angel, with four holy faces to the world. Have a holy face on every side, not just in shul. Be holy in business. Business is not business. Holiness and kindness must touch everything;

Learn from your ancestor Reb Meir of Premishlan to be simple, to hide your achievements. The truly great people of the world are very simple. Only the pygmies hold themselves high;

Learn from your namesake, Avraham Yoseph Yoska, to be like steel for Yidishkeit. He had a tiny beis medrash in Brooklyn, and he once saw a little boy playing in the street. He called him into the shul, and the little boy became Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, who has touched the lives of thousands;

Above all, learn from your mother. Learn from her that wealth is unimportant, and fine jewelry, clothing: Simplicity, strength, faith, and a smile come first.

Baruch shepotrani! You're on your own now.

Moves with U.S. on Iran

Policy defended by Israel consul

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

Israel should do all it can to help the United States in the "very difficult and very delicate task" of containing Iran and its policy of exporting Islamic fundamentalism, says Moshe Ben Tzioni, Israel's consul in Toronto.

"But unfortunately, the way this specific policy was handled was mistaken," he told a breakfast meeting at Adas Israel Synagogue in reply to a question about Israel's role in the Iranian arms scandal.

"What the United States did was the business of the United States," Ben Tzioni said. "Israel has nothing at all to do with Contras," but, he said, it "has a lot to do with Iran."

Israel and Iran, he said, "are basically neighbors" who have always had "a strategic relationship," but because of the country's current regime and location on the oil-rich Persian Gulf, it "is a threat not only to Israel and the Middle East but to the entire Free World."

Ben Tzioni was speaking at the inaugural meeting of the Adas Israel Sisterhood Breakfast Club and guests included Bill Kempling, MP for Burlington; Geoff Scott, MP for Hamilton Wentworth; Dr. Richard Allen, MPP for Hamilton West and alderman Mary Kiss representing the city of Hamilton.

Ben Tzioni was "not particularly optimistic" about Jordan following Egypt to join in peace talks. Israel's economy, he said, "is quite good for our size" despite the problem of greater imports than exports. "But that's a problem we're on the way to solving."

Terrorism, said Ben Tzioni, is not specifically a Middle Eastern problem but a world-wide problem of democracies and "the only way to solve it is through international cooperation. Israel," he added, "has a major role to play in this, if only because Israel has more experience than anyone else in fighting terrorism."

And the consul-general warned against the misconception of "moderate factions" within the PLO. They have "internal bickering that has nothing to do with moderation or extremism but is similar to Mafia families fighting it out and settling their differences by killing each other," he said. "All factions are equally extreme, equally committed to terrorism and equally committed to the destruction of Israel."

As part of his reply to a question about the integration of Arabs into Israeli society, Ben Tzioni pointed out that the new consul-general in Atlanta, is an Israeli Arab "and maybe, one day in the future, there will be an Arab Israeli consul-general in Toronto."

And on a question about relations with and current changes in the Soviet Union, Ben Tzioni's response was that Moscow can only prove its sincerity by releasing prisoners of conscience and allowing those Jews who wish to emigrate to leave.

"We have to keep harping on this until they realize that they'll never achieve their aims unless they do these two things."

Rabbi Morton Green of Adas Israel Synagogue was chairman of the event. Sisterhood president Nancy Somer thanked the speaker and Rose Paikin was convenor.

B'nai B'rith Canada has recently received a federal job development grant. Here Pearl Gladman, national director of field services, Gerry Weiner, minister of state immigration, and president-elect Ralph Snow discuss how the grant will be utilized.

B'nai B'rith gets grant for jobs from Ottawa

TORONTO —

B'nai B'rith Canada has recently been awarded a federal job development grant of $127,403 by the ministry of employment and immigration.

The grant will be used to hire personnel and purchase new computer equipment in BB's offices in Ottawa, Montreal and Toronto.

In Ottawa, executive assistants for government relations and community services as well as support staff will be hired. The grant will allow the Montreal office to hire a francophone director of community services who will implement an outreach program. At the national office in Toronto, funds will provide for an executive assistant in fundraising and clerical staff.

In making the grant, Gerry Weiner, minister of state for immigration, said he was "fully aware of the important work" of the organization and encouraged BB to continue in its undertakings.

Ghiz to address BB

TORONTO —

Joseph Ghiz, premier of Prince Edward Island, will be the keynote speaker March 8 at B'nai B'rith Canada, Toronto Regional Council's annual Covenant Breakfast.

Ghiz will address the gathering of about 300 Toronto BB leaders at Beth Tikvah Synagogue on Equality in Canada — A Matter of Geography.

The leaders will be meeting to rededicate their commitment to the ideals and principles of the organization which include combating racism and anti-semitism and safeguarding human rights for all Canadians.

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Organizations and People

Looks back on years of protests

Resnick leaves Soviet Jewry committee post

By
WENDY ROSEN

TORONTO —

Sam Resnick's eyes sparkle as he remembers the all-night vigils in the mid-1970s when Premier Aleksei Kosygin of the Soviet Union came to Canada.

Resnick, who retires this month as director of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry, Ontario Region after 15 years, said a national protest campaign was launched as soon as word of the Canadian government's invitation to Kosygin was announced.

"There was a grassroots groundswell movement which showed Canadian Jews were concerned about their brethren in the Soviet Union."

He recalled standing in the parking lot of Temple Sinai Synagogue at 2 a.m. helping people into buses bent for a rally in Ottawa. He was still boarding people, some of whom carried babes in their arms, into buses three hours later.

About 2,000 of the 10,000 demonstrators, who held Torahs and placards, in front of Parliament were from the Toronto area.

"Rabbis held services and we sang songs from early morning until late afternoon" when they boarded buses and came home convinced that the Canadian government had been impressed — "it couldn't fail to be."

The next night, there was a similar rally in Toronto where protesters — including some non-Jews — marched along Eglinton Ave. to the Ontario Science Centre where Kosygin was being feted by a Toronto group of businessmen. Afterwards, they marched to Sarah Grundy Park, which faces the Inn on the Park, the hotel where Kosygin was staying.

"We kept an all-night vigil in the rain. We sang, people held placards and Torahs. Elie Wiesel was in town and addressed the crowd.

"We sent Kosygin a message."

Another highlight which he recounted was when the Soviet Union backed down from its imposition of a head tax in the early 1970s. The Soviets wanted to be compensated for the post-secondary education of people who wanted to emigrate.

"It took six months to get a campaign going and have the tax withdrawn."

Resnick, a father of three married children and grandfather of two, looks back to 1978 and 1979 fondly as the last years of a mass emigration exodus from the Soviet Union. In 1979, 52,000 Jews were let out in the wake of the signing of the Helsinki Accords.

"It was a period of detente and the numbers of emigrants grew by the thousands."

With the invasion of Afghanistan (December 1979) and the resumption of the Cold War, emigration was severely restricted, he said. There was a crackdown on Jewish culture and the teaching of Hebrew which has continued to this day.

"The arrest of Natan Scharansky (in January 1977) was a watershed. When he was arrested — and kept in solitary confinement for 16 months before the trial — it caused a resolidification of the Soviet Jewry movement in the West.

Sam Resnick

"We held a rally of 5,000 strong here in July 1978 in an attempt to sway justice."

Needless to say, it had no effect. Scharansky, who was allowed to emigrate to Israel in February 1986, was sentenced to seven years in prison and five years internal exile.

Resnick said the committee has always had a 3-pronged set of goals: to sensitize Canadian Jews and non-Jews to the problem; to involve parliamentarians; and to keep up the morale of Refuseniks.

The director said he is particularly proud of the strong Parliamentary links which have been fostered federally and provincially. In Ottawa, more than 200 MPs belong to the Parliamentary Group for Soviet Jewry, chaired by Bill Attewell. The Ontario Legislature's Committee for Soviet Jewry, co-chaired by Steven Offer, Marion Bryden and Don Cousens, is active and co-sponsors the annual Ida Nudel Award with Resnick's committee, currently co-chaired by Wendy Litwack and Marsha Slavens.

"The idea is to give the award to a Canadian woman who is well known in the area of human and civil rights. The first recipient was Pauline McGibbon, a former Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario."

Resnick leaves his post in what he terms a sad time.

"Emigration has dropped to nil," he said, adding that only 98 Jews were allowed out in January not the 500 that Samuel Zivs, chairman of the Soviet Union's Anti-Zionist Committee, said would be granted exit visas.

"Many people in the world accept the Soviet's claim that things are better. There's such a desire for peace and detente by the West — and who can blame them — that they're willing to accept almost anything. In such a climate, Andrei Sakharov's bus ticket from Gorky to Moscow is seen as a great feat of human rights."

Resnick, who is also an active member of Parents of North American Israelis and the Community Action Committee for Israel, stressed that these are important times behind the scenes in the Soviet Union.

"We hope that the doors will open but we're cynical and will believe it when we see it."

Resnick and his wife Ruth, who retired from her Canadian Jewish Congress post in December, next month begin an extended visit to Israel where their elder son Andrew is living with his wife and two children. While there, they plan on investigating the possibility of living there permanently.

Another son, Edward, recently married and is currently living in West New York, NY but the couple plans to make aliya. A daughter, Julea Resnick Gasner, works for United Jewish Appeal in Toronto.

Easter Seal Society sets goal of $4 million

TORONTO—

The Easter Seal Society and its affiliated service clubs in Ontario will be seeking to raise $4 million — the highest goal ever in the society's history — during the 41st annual Easter Seal Campaign in March.

"The many needs required by physically disabled children are not immune to rising costs," said Howard Keast, president of the society. "We again turn to the people of Ontario for their support, and the resources required to ensure a lifestyle of dignity for the special children and families under our care."

Rising costs

The Easter Seal Society is the largest children's organization of its kind in Canada. With a budget in 1987 that will exceed $12 million, less than 3% will come from government sources. For this reason Easter Seals depends heavily upon the efforts of its volunteer service clubs and funds raised through a variety of means.

Most funds are received through the March mail campaigns, but the society also receives funding from its provincial Snowaramas and Skiaramas, assorted corporate special events, individual donations, and the annual Easter Seal Superthon to be telecast Saturday, March 28 to Sunday, March 29.

Children receive assistance for the provision of vital equipment such as wheelchairs, braces, artificial limbs, a camping holiday at one of five Easter Seal camps, transportation to treatment centres, extensive research and prevention programs, and much more.

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Organizations and People

Founder cites increase of 700 olim

Religious aliya movement claiming successes

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —
An increase of some 700 olim from the U.S. and Canada last year has been attributed by founder Yosef Shapira to the efforts of Tehilla, a movement for religious aliya.

"If other organizations achieved the same success, we could double aliya from Western countries," he said in an interview with The Canadian Jewish News. "Twenty thousand Westerners coming to Israel a year would make a significant difference in the demography, quality of life and sophistication of our country."

Shapira, a National Religious Party cabinet minister without portfolio, was on a brief visit here last week to meet with community leaders, educators and students.

He said that the difference between 1985's total of 2,077 olim and 1986's of 2,700 was largely made up of 140 families affiliated with Tehilla, about 600 people. "This is more than 20% of the total, a good showing considering that the religious make up less than 10% of the overall community." Shapira's figure does not include religious olim who came independent of Tehilla.

"Many people have been educated to aliya through schooling and youth movements. Tehilla gets them started in the move and keeps up the momentum until they arrive in Israel," said Shapira.

Tehilla arranges links between potential olim and Israeli families. It organizes pilot trips to explore appropriate job and settlement opportunities. Israeli families and the potential olim are encouraged to write back and forth to each other with and for advice, in a sort of "adoption" process.

"The pilot trip is very important in this process," he said. "We try to fix the date according to employment possibilities."

Shapira emphasized that Tehilla "performs no miracles. People approach us with their own motivation and desire to go to Israel. We help them get the process going."

Shapira, who helped establish the world framework for the Bnei Akiva youth movement in 1954, founded Tehilla four years ago. "We are now reaping the fruits of our efforts, in terms of olim," he said.

Yosef Shapira

Shapira told The CJN he was "born" into religious Zionism and its Israeli political arm, the NRP. His father Rabbi Yeshiahu Shapira was a pioneer Mizrachi — religious Zionist movement — ideologue who helped found HaPoel HaMizrachi, one of its prime elements.

Shapira's temporary breakaway party, Morasha, in which he and Chaim Druckmann were elected to the Knesset in the 1985 national election, merged with the NRP in a convention last September. (He is not related to Agudath Israel MK Avraham Shapira).

Shapira also mentioned that a consensus of shlichim — Israeli youth movement emissaries — here told him that any grudges towards Israel by former residents were largely expressed by native-born yordim and not North Americans who had gone there and come back.

"In some cases, former Israelis try to talk would-be olim out of going," he said.

The difference in attitude between the two groups of former Israelis "was something of a surprise to me," he said.

In a plug for Israel building the Lavi fighter plane, Shapira said the cancellation of the project would further drain Israel of its best scientific and technological minds.

"I understand that soon after Canada cancelled plans to build its own fighter plane (the Avro Arrow, some 30 years ago), the project's leading engineers were at work in Los Angeles," he said.

Shapira addressed students at Associated Hebrew Schools, the Bnei Akiva yeshivot, and the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto. He also spoke with local Mizrachi and other religious Zionist leaders.

He was accompanied here by Yerachmiel Munitz, director of the religious section of the New York-based American Zionist Youth Foundation.

"Ring of Green for City of Gold"

Young students celebrate

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —
Students of Temple Anshe Sholom Religious School celebrated Tu B'Shevat recently with a special Shabbat dinner for parents and pupils.

The event marked the first participation by the school in the Jewish National Fund's program to plant trees in Israel in connection with the holiday.

On display on the stage of the Reiss auditorium was a large model of Jerusalem made by pupils of the nursery and primary schools under the direction of primary school head Celia Berlin and art teacher Donna Fachin. The project's theme was "A Ring of Green for the City of Gold."

About 150 parents and children attended the dinner, which was followed by a service in which students participated and an Oneg Shabbat.

Celia Berlin, head of the primary division of Temple Anshe Sholom Religious School, with model of Jerusalem for Tu B'Shevat.

Bonds lawyers tour set to DC

TORONTO —
A 3-day "whirlwind" tour of Washington for lawyers will be sponsored by the Legal Division, State of Israel Bonds.

The three days, May 15, 16, 17 (the Victoria Day weekend), "will be packed with activities," Bonds promises. Participants will visit the Supreme Court, Smithsonian Institute, the Hershorn Museum and Dumbarton Oaks, site of the 1944 conference that created the United Nations.

There will also be briefings conducted at the Israeli embassy and by the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), the official Israeli lobby group on Capitol Hill.

The cost, including airfare, accommodation, touring and some meals, will be under $1,000 (Canadian) per couple.

For more information contact Ruth Schwartz at the Toronto Bonds office, 789-3351.

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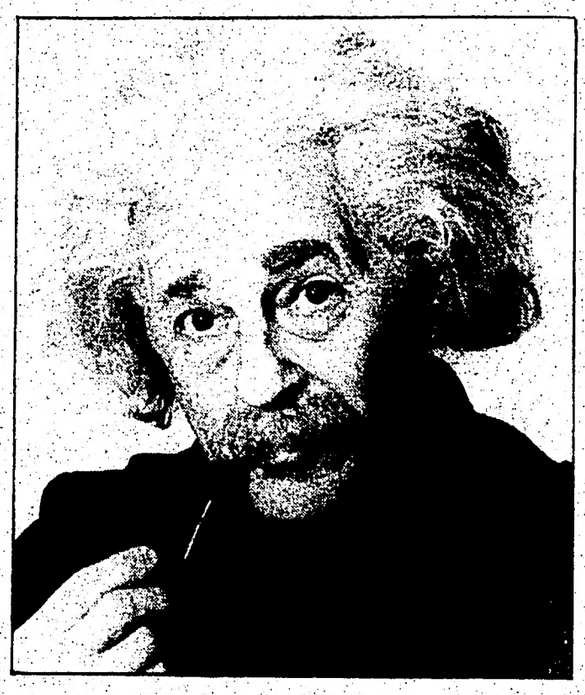

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No longer a "hush-hush" topic

Program planned to discuss domestic violence

By
ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO —
Domestic violence in the Jewish family, until recently a "hush-hush" topic, is gradually coming out of the closet, says Jewish Family & Child Service social worker Rayna Knobler.

According to Knobler, more battered women are seeking help from the agency than ever before. They represent all strata of Jewish society from low income to upper middle class and professional women.

To enable the community to become more aware of and to better understand the complexities of wife abuse, JF&CS approached Jewish Women's Federation with the suggestion to combine forces and organize a special community program dealing with Jewish domestic violence.

As a result, the subject will be the focus of a program on Tuesday, March 10 beginning at 8 p.m. in the Lipa Green Building 4th floor Conference Centre.

Entitled "Domestic violence, a Jewish family affair," the evening will feature an "examination of the myths and facts about wife abuse in the Jewish community," says Jan Petrook, education committee chairman, Social and Political Action Committee of JWF. Also involved in planning for the evening is Judy Noyek, JWF chairman of programming.

Jan Petrook and Judy Noyek of Jewish Women's Federation, go over plans with Rayna Knobler of Jewish Family & Child Service, regarding March 10 community program dealing with Jewish domestic violence.

Keynote speaker will be Barbara Harris, executive director, Transition Centre, a New York shelter for battered Jewish women. The two panelists are David Currie, who is chief social worker, Forensic Service, Clarke Institute as well as director of OPPORTUNITY, a program for abusive husbands; and Geraldine Waldman, a family lawyer professionally involved with family violence.

Arlene Perly Rae, Toronto freelance journalist experienced in social justice and political liaison within the Jewish community, will be moderator.

Jewish Women's Federation, which numbers 50 organizations among its affiliates, was seen by JF&CS "as the ideal vehicle through which to bring this social problem to the attention of a large cross-section of Toronto's Jewish community," Rayna Knobler explained. "We hope it will help remove some of the shame and humiliation so often associated with wife abuse, by focusing on the issue as one that has wide-ranging repercussions in the whole community."

Jan Petrook added that JWF readily took up the JF&CS proposal for the joint venture "because we agreed it was time to bring the problem out in the open for scrutiny. No matter how much we may deny that violence in the Jewish family does exist, the facts tell us otherwise."

JF&CS claims that Jewish women who are abused cope differently than their counterparts in the non-Jewish community. "They are more inclined to depend on their families for support and make little use of shelters. In a 5-year span, we know of only 10 Jewish women who took advantage of the facilities offered in the community," Knobler stated.

As the wife abuse caseload handled by the agency increases year by year, Knobler said it has become necessary to train staff on how to best deal with this "relatively new kind of client."

Both men and women are welcome to attend the March 10 program. Admission is free.

Weiner wants Canada haven for refugees

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —
Anticipating criticism of Canada's immigration policy generated by fears of a new wave of Tamil refugees, Gerald Weiner, minister of state for immigration said recently that Canada must remain a haven to those who need our protection.

After receiving a sometimes hostile response from an audience at an immigration forum held by the Progressive Conservative Broadview-Greenwood riding association earlier in the day, Weiner spoke to a more sympathetic group at Adath Israel Congregation.

Gerald Weiner

There, he delivered the second of a 4-lecture series entitled Jews On The Move: Where Is There A Haven ? And he appealed to a Jewish sense of empathy gained through centuries of abuse.

"Canada should be a haven for many people. We should not allow those who wish to close the doors to take control of our agenda. We must continue to show leadership in this area," said Weiner.

He said that in the earlier session someone suggested that if another refugee boat comes "put them in camps... I won't do it," said Weiner.

Is there a haven for anyone today ? he asked, comparing the situation of the Tamils to the Jews who arrived in Canada and the U.S. at the beginning of the century.

"When any people stands out by race, religion, education (or other characteristics), it will tend to stand out as a lightning rod for persecution."

Reaching into Jewish history, Weiner noted the long periods of Diaspora Jews faced because "no one wanted them."

That history compels us to be sympathetic to nations following this same process of dispersion, he said. "It's not much to ask to bring them under our protection.

"We have an obligation to hear them out because a genuine refugee will never be returned to certain death in the country of his origin."

Weiner also argued that offering refugees and other immigrants a new home is in Canada's best interest. Because of our falling birthrate, Canada needs immigration for economic growth, he said.

During a question period that followed, Weiner said Canadian officials had been quietly talking to counterparts in the U.S. about problems in U.S. immigration policy that affect Canada.

Because the U.S. is sending illegal immigrants back to their countries of origin, many are fleeing to Canada. And once on Canadian soil, if their lives are in danger if they go home, the law demands they stay here, said Weiner.

He stopped to note that the Tamil boat refugees who arrived about half a year ago are all working and gathered together to give money to the needy of Montreal not long ago.

Some of them have started a business and now employ more than 20 people, said Weiner.

Asked why PLO and IRA members are allowed into Canada and Rabbi Meir Kahane is not, Weiner said he would not publicly discuss individual cases.

Immigration policy, he said, prevents entry by persons into Canada on the basis of crimes committed in their country of origin.

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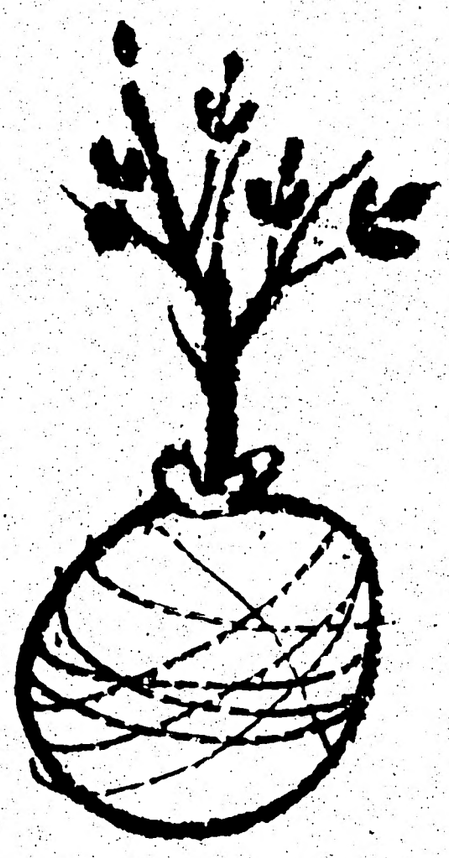

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New facility will give seniors' housing a boost

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

Toronto's stock of senior citizen housing will get a boost with the development of a new "continuum of care" facility in the Bathurst-Eglinton area.

The development, which will be located at 668 Roselawn Ave. at Chaplin Cres., just east of Bathurst St., will include the Dorothy Klein Seniors Apartment, a retirement home and an amenity building. Construction of the buildings is expected to start this summer with occupancy in the fall of 1988.

The Dorothy Klein Seniors Apartment will be an 8-storey building with 125 units for those over 55. Current plans call for 102 1-bedroom and 23 2-bedroom units with six being designated for handicapped tenants.

It will contain amenity areas on the main and basement levels for a lobby, lounge, sewing and crafts room, laundry room, a recreation room, an exercise and health rooms, basement locker storage and four private patio areas. It will also contain a recreation/meeting room with kitchen on each floor.

The retirement home, being developed by The Dynacare Group, a subsidiary of Greenwin Developments Inc., will be a 156-room, 8-storey building including one floor for a nursing home. The building will contain amenity areas on the main and basement levels for a lobby, dining room, lounges, plus administrative and staff areas.

Joining the two buildings will be a 1-storey amenity building which will contain three medical practitioners' offices, a convenience store, a hairdressing salon, a community service office, auditorium and craft centre.

Plans for the Dorothy Klein building began in 1981 when members of the Association of Jewish Seniors decided to build a co-op for senior citizens. It was named after the late Dorothy Klein, a founding member and first president of the association. During her term, the association grew to include 23 clubs with over 5,000 members.

After its request for funding was rejected by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation's Non-Profit Housing Project program, the Dorothy Klein Group, led by Mike Marks, decided to change their premise from a co-op to a private, non-profit housing project so it could take advantage of another provincial funding program. To help ensure the viability of the project, Chris Smith & Associates was brought in.

Smith and his staff are a resource group who act as consultants to advise and assist in getting approval for the project from the various levels of government.

David West, development coordinator with CS & A, told The CJN that the change from co-op to non-profit housing is better as it allows a higher percentage of apartments to be subsidized.

Interested residents should contact Dorothy Klein Seniors Housing, c/o Chris Smith & Associates, 188 Main St. Toronto M4E 2W1 or phone 691-9040.

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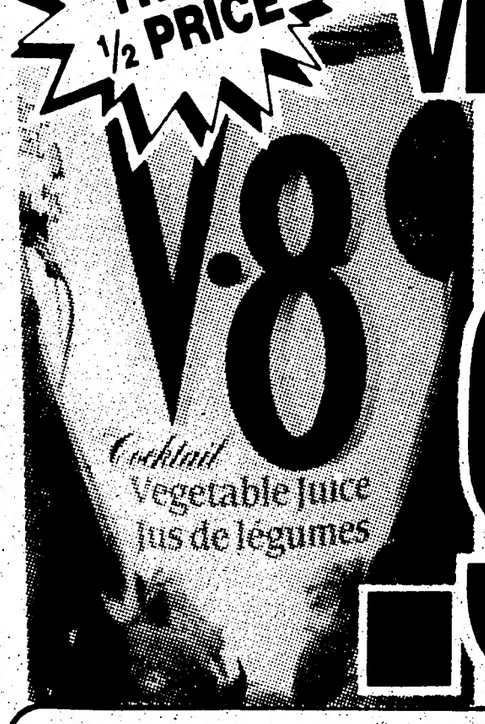

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New Israel Fund event will feature feminists

TORONTO —

Two leading Canadian and Israel feminists will discuss the women's movement in their countries in an evening sponsored by the New Israel Fund of Canada at 7.30 p.m. Wednesday, March 4 at Beth Tzedec Congregation, 1700 Bathurst St.

Prof. Alice Shalvi, chairperson of the Israel Women's Network, and Prof. Chaviva Hosek, past president of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women in Canada, will be featured in the first of a series of NIFC Israel-Diaspora dialogues.

The moderator will be Paula Caplan, head of the Institute for Women's Studies at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education.

In the course of their dialogue, Shalvi and Hosek will discuss what needs are not being met, and how women here can involve themselves in Israeli women's struggles for social justice and democracy, organizers say.

"As many Canadian Jewish women are involving themselves in women's organizations here, so too is it a logical extension of our Jewish identity to be committed to social change for women in Israel," Hosek said in a statement.

Shalvi is a professor of English at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and has been principal of the Pelech Religious Experimental High School for Girls since 1975.

She is the mother of six and grandmother of 10.

Shalvi was one of 12 Israelis honored for her contributions to society on Israel's Independence Day last year.

Hosek is a member of the board of the New Israel Fund of Canada. She served as head of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women between 1984 and 1986.

Currently a research partner with Gordon Capital Corp., she has been an associate professor of English at Victoria College, University of Toronto since 1978. She is also a member of the Economic Council of Canada.

The event on March 4 begins with registration and coffee at 7.30 p.m. and the program will start at 8 p.m. sharp. There is no admission charge and the public is welcome.

Winnipegger proud

Lawyer skates to victory

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Last month, speedskater David Pearlman broke a 13-year-old record in the 400-metre category. No matter that the record he broke with his 46-second time was in the bantam girls class. The 52-year-old Winnipeg lawyer is justly proud of his accomplishments. He only took up speedskating in September.

"I'm to speedskating what paint-by-number is to art," he said. "I expect it will take years of coaching and training before I can overtake the juvenile girls."

Pearlman has been on skates since he was 12, but his skating was for hockey. In his youth, he played hockey at university and with the Black Hawks (West Kildonan Black Hawks, that is).

More recently he has been playing hockey in Winnipeg's weekly law league where he is the oldest player. His hockey abilities have led to appearances the last two summers at Charles Schultz's Snoopy Senior World Hockey Tournament in California.

Last year, Pearlman was invited to join the Idle Blades outdoor speedskating club by a friend named Leonard Barsky. The club is affiliated with the Masters Speed Skating Organization whose members are all 35 and over.

"I started speedskating indoors and I was very disappointed," he said. "I thought that, because I could skate well on hockey skates, I could speedskate, too. But the first five or six times I tried, I slid all over the ice. I couldn't stop, start, turn or grip the ice. Speedskating is an art that takes a long time to perfect."

Pearlman learned how to sharpen his skates properly and started to progress. He also learned that speedskates have longer blades than hockey skates. And he had to learn how to dress for a cold climate.

"In competitive skating, you only wear your track suit," he said. "It's like skating with a full length bathing suit on. The wind chill is tremendous. When I practice, I wear six layers of clothes."

Pearlman started outdoor speedskating in mid-December. Last month, he won four races — the 300 metre, 500, 800 and 1,000 metre — in the Masters Competitions in Winnipeg and he is planning to compete in the 10,000 Lakes International Meet in Minneapolis this month.

His time for the 1,000 metre was 2 minutes flat. "Gaetan Boucher has the Canadian record at 1 minute 15," he said. "In other words, he would have beaten me by 400 metres."

For Pearlman, one of the nicest things about speedskating is the company he keeps. His wife, Esther, has also taken up speedskating and, among the other Idle Blades (a good many of whom are Jewish) are the aforementioned Mr. Barsky, now in his 70s and still skating, and Albert Cohen of Sony fame.

"We have tremendous times together," said Peralman. "After skating, we share tea and crumpets. The older skaters have tremendous stamina. They may lack speed, but they can go 5,000 metres at a crack."

Pearlman expects it will take years for him to perfect the art of speedskating. "Speed is only one aspect," he said. "For example, I have trouble with turns and curves. I have been ahead going into corners only to be overtaken by slower skaters. Still, this is the best thing I've done in the last 20 years.

"If my speedskating should ever interfere with my practice of law, I might give up law."

Highlights similarities

Young Zionists share ideas

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

While their elders seem to be getting more and more divisive, some young Jewish leaders are participating in an experiment to unite their diverse groups under the banner of a single organization.

With Zionism and their youth as common denominators, leaders from B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, Habonim, Young Judaea, Bnei Akiva, Hashomer Hatzair, United Synagogue Youth, the Ontario Sephardic Youth Organization and the National Conference of Synagogue Youth met recently under the auspices of *Mitriya Tsionit*.

Mitriya Tsionit is a brand new "umbrella organization," designed to highlight similarities between young Jews. The brainchild of Albert Benabou, executive director of the Youth and Hechalutz division of the Canadian Zionist Federation, Mitriya Tsionit's first big event attracted 100 young people to a day-long program recently.

The youngsters, ages 17-18, witnessed a presentation centred on Jerusalem presented by leaders from Young Judaea and Bnei Akiva, followed by a discussion and evaluation.

The aim of the program, organized in large part by Kevin Goldsmith, coordinator of projects for Youth and Hechalutz, was to foster discussion between the participants, says Benabou.

A second aspect was to show the youngsters how to develop relevant and interesting programs — a skill they as leaders can take back to their respective organizations.

Ultimately, Benabou sees Mitriya Tsionit as helping youth movements "commit themselves to the Jewish community and Israel."

It also "creates a good interaction among movements," Benabou adds, "breaking down the fictitious walls some see exist.

"Differences in ideology are okay," Benabou says. "But that doesn't mean we can't share together.

"We want to combat the attitude that 'there's me and the others.' There's a danger in that."

In fact, Benabou found himself pleasantly surprised at how much unity there was. "There is nothing to be against," he says.

Besides offering youngsters a common ground, Mitriya Tsionit also "creates a space, a new dimension which is theirs."

It provides an outlet for the teens to present their opinions and the programs Benabou envisions will give them food for thought. Everything from a comparison of Auschwitz to Hiroshima, to education to the effect on their lives of the creation of Israel will be dealt with in a way that allows them to "live these issues," says Benabou.

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Problem in area of extended care

Ont. seeks to end health services fragmentation

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

The provincial government is working towards eliminating the fragmentation of health services that exists between the ministries of health and community and social services, according to Ontario's health minister.

"I think we're doing much a better job to coordinate services," Murray Elston told The Canadian Jewish News, following a recent forum sponsored by the Canadian Ethnic Journalists' and Writers' Club. "For instance, the Integrated Homemakers' Program, which is actually a community and social services program, is delivered by the ministry of health. So there is a cooperative effort there."

Elston admitted a definite fragmentation exists in the area of extended care, but in responding to a question said he and John Sweeney, minister of COMSOC, are working with Ron Van Horne, minister responsible for senior citizens, to determine how to best integrate extended care services.

He said that even if a separate ministry of senior citizens were to be set up, his ministry would remain "intimately involved" because it delivers a number of health services to the general public.

After outlining a few of the services and programs his ministry has introduced, Elston responded to questions from his ethnic audience.

Elston said the government's largest ministry employs over 200,000 people and spends $10 billion a year, averaging $27 million a day. This is a vast increase from a decade ago when the ministry of health spent over $3 billion annually.

"We have an extremely interesting province and an extremely vibrant population to work with," said Elston, who was accompanied by his parliamentary assistant, Christine Hart, MPP for York East. "I think all of us understand the importance of health care to that population."

Elston said that since the province's health care system is based on the principle that everyone should have equal access to service, the government "pushed ahead" with its commitment to end extra billing by doctors. However, he said it still faces a "challenge" in providing the right type of care to the 98 different ethnic and cultural groups in the province. To help increase understanding between the ministry of health and ethnic groups, Elston said his ministry has moved to make boards, agencies and commissions more representative of the communities they serve. As of last July, 120 such appointments had been made.

Knee surgery school opens

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —

Athletes — weekend or fulltime — and the elderly are among the beneficiaries of knee microsurgery techniques being taught at the Orthopedic and Arthritic Hospital's new Arthroscopy Learning Centre.

The centre, officially opened recently, at 43 Wellesley Ave. E., was pioneered by the hospital's chief surgeon, Dr. Robert Jackson. In the past year, he and his associates at the hospital performed more than 1,000 arthroscopic procedures. Patients who used to be sidelined for weeks can be back on their feet by the end of the day, he said.

Arthroscopy is the technique of using fibre optic inserts to examine internal organs and joints without needing to cut through to them first. The centre augments arthroscopic examination with microsurgery and state-of-the-art electronics to facilitate direct operations on the ligament, cap or other of the knee's componments.

Instruments, hand or electrically powered, are introduced in sequence through a stainless steel straw-like sleeve inserted in the knee. Provision is made for a fibre optic minicamera that displays the procedure on a TV monitor.

"We call this bandaid surgery because a procedure is done through a couple of small incisions, with local anesthetic, and over the period of an hour, more or less," said Dr. Ray Sherman, a clinical fellow at the hospital. "The patient comes in and goes home in the same day."

Sherman was demonstrating some of the techniques being taught to visiting surgeons from across North America and Europe.

Elderly arthritic patients can experience "one to two years relief with no additional treatment" after having their knee washed out with saline solution, said Sherman.

Salty water is flushed through the inside of the knee in this procedure, rinsing out "the debris of wear and tear that makes the knee inflamed."

The same solution promotes the healing of knee injuries in athletes and others, he said.

For victims of fresh knee injuries, the solution rinses out blood, fragments, and bits of tissue to enable a clear arthroscopic examination and appropriate microsurgery. Trauma, pain and infection are minimized.

Those who have resumed active careers within weeks after such surgery include former Maple Leaf goaltender Mike Palmateer, Toronto Argonaut fullback Bob Bronk, and 5-year-old gelding Joanne's Hunter. They would otherwise have been off for the season while recovering from open surgery to repair torn knee ligaments or remove damaged cartilage, said a hospital spokesman.

Jackson was introduced to arthroscopy while attending the University of Tokyo on an orthopedic fellowship in 1964.

Corporate sponsor of the centre is the Zimmer Corp. of the U.S., which has endowed the centre with $500,000 in equipment.

Pugilist beefs up Baby's kudos

TORONTO —

Some lustre has been added to the story of deceased Jewish boxer, Baby Yack (CJN Jan. 29), by fellow former pugilist Sammy Luftspring.

In a letter to The CJN, Luftspring describes his own relationship with the former Canadian bantamweight champ, and clarifies his losing battles to Baby's brother David.

Baby and Luftspring shared a small apartment and had the same manager in New York, writes Sammy. "So you see I was very close to the picture.

"Baby Yack was a champion of champions and the idol of our Jewish population during the sorry Depression days.

"We both had a big chance to win gold in Berlin, Germany, but we chose to boycott the Olympics because of the terrible things that were happening to our people there."

Both Yack and Luftspring started their professional careers about 1936 and went on to win Canadian championships: Yack as a 118 lb. bantamweight, and Luftspring as a 147 lb. welterweight.

"Both of us came within a hair of winning world championships, at a time when every division in boxing had ten fighters that would be champions today.

"Both of us wore our Magen David on our trunks throughout our careers in North America and proudly so."

Turning to his two losses to Dave Yack, Luftspring emphasizes in his letter that both decisions came while the fighters were amateurs.

They took place at the Mutual Street Arena on successive Mondays, March 27 and April 2, 1934. Quoting the Toronto Star, he writes: "Yack gets odd nod in Luftspring go — Judges split and even fan fare widely divided," for the March 27 contest.

The following week, he quotes the Star as reporting: "Yack wins decision but it was even less satisfactory to the crowd than it was last week."

Adds Luftspring in his letter: "Need I say more. I hate keeping this feud going, but I just wanted to keep the record straight.

"Baby Yack was the champion in that family, bless his soul, and he should be remembered for the glory he brought to Canada, and to the Jewish race."

Disabilities' drive theme: Why problem?

TORONTO —

If you've ever known a "problem" child, but failed to understand what makes the youngster act a certain way, perhaps it's time to "wonder why."

Did you ever wonder why? is the theme for the Ontario Association for Children and Adults with Learning Disabilities' 1987 public awareness campaign which will run during Learning Disability Weeks in Ontario from March 2 to 13. It is designed to educate the public about its role in helping young people in trouble with the law.

"We have made great progress in the way young people are treated," said Eva Nichols, executive director of the association. "The Young Offenders' Act recognizes that handicapping conditions such as learning disabilities must be considered when a young person is in conflict with the law and should also be taken into account in the rehabilitation process."

Nichols said that while the act has a number of safeguards that protect the learning disabled, these are only useful if those involved in the criminal justice system are fully informed.

"The majority of the 180,000 learning disabled people in Ontario lead fulfilling lives and make valuable contributions to society," said Nichols. "But a number do become young offenders. It may be because of the frustration, depression and anger that result from their learning problems. Or there might be an underlying factor that causes both the learning problems and the delinquent behavior. Whatever the cause, we know that with help, they can go on to realize their full potential."

In connection with the provincial campaign, North York Mayor Mel Lastman has proclaimed March 2-15 to be Learning Disabilities Week in North York.

During that time, the North York Association for Adults and Children with Learning Disabilities will also hold an awareness week with the theme, Learning Disabilities — The Invisible Handicap.

A learning disability is termed an invisible handicap because it is often not recognized for what it is. It is caused by a deficiency in the central nervous system that creates problems in mentally processing everyday living and learning communications and in expressing appropriate responses.

It often manifests itself in behavioral problems and in inconsistent or poor learning patterns. According to statistics, at least 10% of the population is mildly to severely learning disabled. Because this handicap is not easily visible many people are not recognized as being in need of special help. — J.R.

Shul in Houston seeking partner

HOUSTON —

Young Israel of Houston, an Orthodox congregation founded in 1980, is exploring new ways to achieve future expansion and seeking an older shul outside the city with which to amalgamate.

The Young Israel "will consider amalgamation with another synagogue to perpetuate that synagogue's name and memorials," says the congregation's Rabbi Yehoshua Wender.

"This is an opportunity for an older shul to assist in a worthy cause and still continue to honor its own institution and membership," he said.

The synagogue, which has grown from a weekly minyan to a 60-family congregation, has become a focal point of traditional Judaism in Houston, Wender said. Its programs have encompassed outreach, kashruth, hospital visitation, family purity, youth activities, and adult education, he said.

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By
ESTHER FISHER

Beef is back — in smaller portions and leaner cuts. Health conscious Canadians, concerned about fat and cholesterol, now choose well trimmed, lean beef.

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When shopping for beef, look for lean cuts such as shoulder steak; when you select a rib roast, if you're not satisfied that all excess fat has been trimmed, have the butcher trim the roast to suit you.

It's easy to eliminate excess fat from ground beef when you cook it in a microwave oven; before serving, simply pour off the liquid and fat that accumulate in the bottom of the baking dish. And when it comes to short cooking time, nothing beats the microwave oven for cuts such as shoulder steak or for ground beef.

Barb Holland of the Beef Information Centre offers some helpful advice for cooking and carving a rib roast, and some terrific beef recipes for the microwave oven. Holland says, "Cooking time is critical for roasts as they not only vary in size and degree of tenderness, but also in shape. For accurate results, use a meat thermometer."

To cook a rib roast: Place roast, fat side up in a roasting pan. The rib side should be down to form a natural rack and prevent the meat from stewing in its own juices. Season as desired, with a minimum of salt. Do not add any liquid or use a lid.

Insert meat thermometer in centre of roast, not touching fat or bone. Preheat oven to 325F and roast 25 minutes per pound or until internal temperature is 160F for medium doneness. For well done, roast 30 to 35 minutes per pound or until internal temperature is 170F.

To carve: Let meat rest 15 minutes or so after you take it from the oven and before you carve it. This allows the flesh to become firm, making it easier to carve and retain more of its juices. If the roast has feather bones (oval slivers jutting off the rib bones) remove them.

Secure roast with a carving fork. (1) Using a sharp knife, cut the first slice horizontally. (2) Make a vertical slit along the inside of the first rib bone, to make carving of the next slice easier. (3) Remove the rib bone by cutting along the bottom edge of the bone. Continue steps 2, 3 and 4 to finish carving the roast.

For two delicious beef dishes made in the microwave oven, try the following recipes from the Beef Information Centre.

SPICY ORANGE BEEF

1 lb. lean shoulder steak
4 green onions, sliced diagonally in ½ inch pieces
2 tbsps. white wine
2 tbsps. soy sauce
1 tsp. fresh grated ginger root
1 clove garlic, minced
½ tsp. dried red pepper flakes
½ cup orange juice
1 tbsp. corn starch
Grated peel of 2 oranges
1 tbsp. sesame or vegetable oil
Hot cooked rice

Slice beef across the grain in thin strips, about ¼ inch by 2 inches. Combine green onions, wine, soy, ginger, garlic and red pepper flakes in a bowl just large enough to hold beef. Toss beef in mixture and marinate 20 to 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, combine orange juice, cornstarch and grated peel in a 1-cup glass measure. Microwave on high for 1 to 1½ minutes, stirring part way through cooking, until mixture comes to a boil and thickens. Set aside.

In a 2-quart microwaveable casserole, heat oil at high for 1 minute. Stir in beef and marinade, cover and cook at medium (50% power) for 4 minutes, stirring halfway through cooking. Stir in orange mixture, cover and cook at medium for 4 to 6 minutes, stirring partway through until beef is no longer pink. Serve over rice. Makes 4 servings.

CURRIED MEATLOAF WITH CHUTNEY GLAZE

1½ lbs. ground beef
1 cup shredded carrots
1 medium onion, chopped
1 clove garlic, minced
1 egg, lightly beaten
½ cup breadcrumbs or oatmeal
2 tsps. curry powder
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. ground cumin
½ tsp. ground pepper
½ tsp. ground coriander

Glaze: ½ cup chutney and 2 tbsps. orange juice.

Combine all ingredients except glaze and lightly pack into a 6-cup microwave safe ring mould. Cover with waxed paper and cook at medium-high (70% power) for 12 to 16 minutes, rotating dish partway through cooking, if necessary, or until thermometer registers 145 to 150F. Let stand, covered, 5 minutes.

Meanwhile, combine glaze ingredients and heat at high for 30 seconds to 1 minute, or until smooth. Pour excess liquid and fat off, and invert meatloaf onto serving plate. Spoon about half the glaze over meatloaf ring and serve remaining glaze at the table. Serves 6 to 8.

Ont. launches review of its heritage policy

TORONTO —

The Ontario government has launched a comprehensive review of heritage policy "in order to respond to the needs and values of the public," Lily Munro, minister of citizenship and culture, recently announced.

The minister said the review process will begin in March with the release of a bilingual discussion paper "designed to explore the broad principles and themes that should guide future government support and activity in the field of heritage conservation."

This will be followed by 25 public meetings which will be held from April to July in communities across the province. The Toronto meeting will be held May 20.

Lily Munro

In announcing the review at the Ontario Heritage Centre, currently under renovation and slated to open this September, Munro said the initial round of meetings will assist the government in shaping a "broad policy framework within which to consider future legislation and program changes." Secondary consultation will involve other levels of government, other ministries and representatives of heritage organizations.

For further information write: Greg Baeker, The Ontario Heritage Policy Review, Ministry of Citizenship and Culture, 6th floor, 77 Bloor St. W. Toronto M7A 2R9 or phone (416) 963-0775.

High honor given to Hamilton doctor

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

A former Toronto physician who gave up a flourishing Downsview family practice to join the McMaster University Medical Centre family practice unit is one of seven women given the Hamilton Status of Women annual Woman of the Year award.

Dr. May Cohen won the award in the health, sports and fitness category. The other categories were community services, arts, public affairs, business and communications. The awards were presented at a dinner at the Hamilton Convention Centre sponsored by the Hamilton Status of Women Committee. Over 750 guests attended the dinner, at which Shirley Carr, president of the Canadian Labour Congress, was the guest speaker.

An associate professor of family medicine at McMaster University, Cohen is the first woman to serve as chairman of the Medical Advisory Committee for Chedoke-McMaster Hospitals. She continues to maintain an active clinical practice within the McMaster Family Practice Unit, has served as a tutor to student health professionals and has conducted various research studies.

Dr. May Cohen

Cohen came to Hamilton in 1977 from Toronto, where she shared a family practice with her husband, Dr. Gerald Cohen, who now holds a similar position with the family medicine unit at the Hamilton General Hospital. The couple have three grown sons.

She was nominated for the award for "three specific contributions to the physical, mental and social well-being of the community," states Marjorie Baskin, community and public relations officer for the faculty of health sciences, McMaster University. These contributions are that:

• Dr. May Cohen has been a driving force in the organization of the Women and Health Day sponsored by the Section of Women Physicians of the Hamilton Academy of Medicine. The all-day seminar begun at McMaster in 1984 proved so successful that it had to be moved to the Hamilton Convention Centre in 1986 to accommodate the large number of women who wished to attend.

• She and her husband, also an associate professor of family medicine, are considered by many experts to be most responsible for training Canadian family physicians to deal with sexual problems encountered in their practices.

• Dr. Cohen is a role model for young women who choose medicine as a career. She has been appointed to a task force on the role of women physicians by the OMA and, with Drs. Crystal Woodward and Barbara Ferrier, has been funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada for a study on the career choices and work patterns of women physicians who choose traditional and non-traditional roles within medicine.

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Ancient Israel artifacts underscore distinctions

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —
Ancient Israel was unique among neighboring Middle East peoples, according to archeological finds discussed here recently by Aaron Demsky, senior lecturer of biblical history at Bar-Ilan University.

• A child's alphabet slate circa 1200 BCE — the oldest Hebrew writing discovered — shows that the language's forerunner was in its final stages of development during the time of the Judges. It also suggests significant literacy at that time, Demsky said, in a public address at Beth Tzedec Congregation sponsored by the Board of Jewish Education.

• Evidence of widespread reading and writing made Israel "a uniquely literate society" in late monarchy years (700-550 BCE), he told an advanced Bible studies class at York University. By comparison, in the "great civilizations" of Egypt and Mesopotamia, only professional scribes appeared to be literate — some 5% of the populace.

• The 6th century CE Medeba church map of the Holy Land and a contemporary Beit Shean synagogue mosaic present fundamental contrasts in their approach to the land of Israel, he told a faculty meeting at the University of Toronto.

'The map depicts biblical sites, the historical framework of Christianity. The Beit Shean mosaic, a halachic guide, emphasizes the sanctification of the land through the agricultural commandments," said Demsky. "For Jews, the land of Israel represents an ongoing partnership with God."

• The inscription on a broken Second Temple 8-ft.-long heraldic stone that he deciphered originally read "L'Havdil ben kodesh l'chol," Demsky told an assembly of day school teachers during a recent professional development day.

The phrase, which means to divide the holy from the mundane, is used in the Saturday night havdalah service dividing the Shabbat from the rest of the week. The stone marked the station from which Temple trumpeters announced the onset of Shabbat, a custom paralleled in modern Israel.

Demsky outlined his talks in an interview with The Canadian Jewish News. He also disclosed plans to raise funds here and in the U.S. for an institute of Jewish genealogies and names at Bar-Ilan.

The alphabet slate, found some 10 years ago outside present day Petach Tikva, depicts all 22 letters of the proto-Canaanite system in its final stages.

Proto-Canaanite, said Demsky, is regarded as the forefather of early Hebrew, Phoenician and Greek. It is distinguished from early Hebrew because its development is estimated to have begun in 1700 BCE, before continuous Jewish settlements began in what was then Canaan.

Demsky said he could only speculate why in this alphabet the *peh* precedes the *ayin* and why it was read from left to right. (Most other forms of Hebrew are read right to left.)

Changes in the Hebrew alphabet are discussed in the Talmud, Demsky told The CJN. Rabbis argued whether old Hebrew was the original form. Some maintained that the square Jewish script, used continuously from about 500 BCE, predated and changed into old Hebrew, and then changed back again into Jewish script at the time of Ezra, said Demsky.

"The rabbis drew a moral lesson from an instance of the *peh* preceding the *ayin* found in heading chapters of Lamentations," said Demsky. Lamentations is read during Tisha B'Av, a day commemorating many catastrophes that befell the Jewish people over thousands of years.

"They said that the letter order emphasizes the slander employed by the biblical scouts when they reported back to Moses and the Jews waiting in the desert," said Demsky. "The scouts put their *peh* **— mouth — ahead of their** *ayin*, **eye, when they said the Holy Land's inhabitants were unconquerable."**

According to tradition, God vowed to make the anniversary of their report, the 9th of Av, a day of true grief for subsequent generations.

A genealogical institute would create "a framework for the academic study" of the topic from biblical through modern times, said Demsky.

"Second Temple names indicate tribal affiliations and changing historical and social conditions," he said. "Medieval names carry the chain of tradition. Modern names suggest their bearers' personal roots in relation to Old World communities."

The long saga of the Jews is reflected in their names, he said. "The east European Yentl comes from the Spanish name Gentile, which means noble or refined. Shprintze comes from Esperanza, Spanish for hope. Shneur Zalman came from Senor Suleiman.

"A name like Shraga Feivel goes back much further. Shraga is the Aramaic word for candle or candle flame. Feivel is a corruption of Phoebus, the Greek god of light and sun," he said.

Demsky was hosted by University of Toronto Near Eastern studies Prof. Allan Lazaroff and by York University Humanities and Hebrew Prof. Michael Brown.

Demsky, who moved to Israel 20 years ago, is a graduate of New York City's Jewish Theological Seminary and Columbia University. He earned his PhD at Jerusalem's Hebrew University.

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Fashion

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As well, her line's tops feature shoulder pads which she describes as "a little help that a lot of women can use in making clothes hang better."

As far as skirt length this spring goes, Adams says it's up to the individual woman.

"The length of a skirt is dictated by a woman's honest assessment of her legs when she looks in a mirror. The lucky ones who have good legs can wear knee length — the others can choose either mid calf or ankle lengths."

Adams stresses that her line, which boasts 30 pieces all in 100% cotton, is adaptable and ideal for women who like to wardrobe build. She has three lengths — in two sizes — in styles ranging from full and flowing to slim and narrow.

Spring tones of khaki, aqua, salmon and frosted pastels — in addition to the basic all-season white, red and black — blend into winter's teal and steel gray. For spring, there are stripes which mesh the colors of spring with those of winter.

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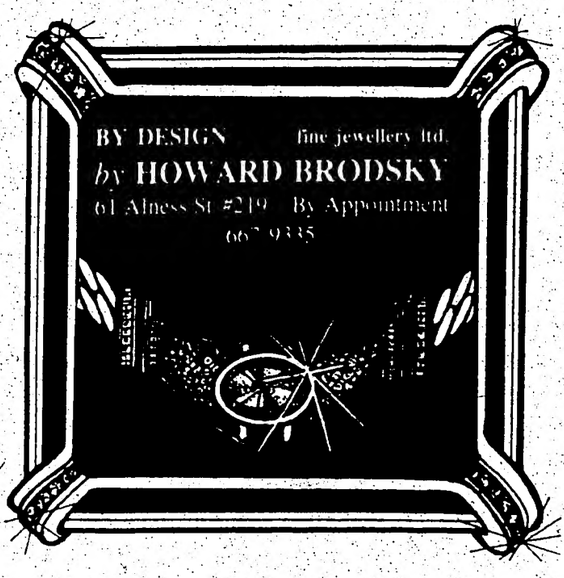

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Israel college establishes fashion design museum

Israel's first archive and museum devoted to textiles, apparel and fashion design is being established by Shenkar College of Textile Technology and Fashion in Ramat Gan, David Pernick, president of the college's American Committee has announced.

A gift of historic and designer costumes valued at $500,000, which will constitute the "core" of the archive's collection, was recently made by the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City.

Dr. Marvin Feldman, the president of FIT, is a member of Shenkar's board of governors and a member of its American Committee.

The FIT contribution consists of a variety of work done by such leading designers as Pierre Balmain, Oleg Cassini, Oscar De La Renta Christian Dior, Norman Norell, Molly Parnis, Arnold Scassi, Adele Simpson, Pauline Trigere and others.

These acquisitions are being shipped to Shenkar College, together with antique clothing from the collection of Mrs. Albert Parker, the knitwear collection of Susanne Gal, costumes from the collection of Frances Duehren and items from the collections of Gertrude Flamholz and Mrs. Jan Peerce.

"These generous contributions and others are helping us achieve a longtime goal of Shenkar," Pernick said.

"The need for such an archive-museum as part of an integrated study centre has increased with Israel's emerging importance as a centre of contemporary textile and apparel design."

He added:

"Shenkar is the centre of professional training for these fields, and the archive-museum is vital to its continued growth and service to Israel's textile and fashion industries."

Shenkar is seeking to expand the collection for the new facility through gifts from designers and curators in the textile and apparel fields throughout the world, as well as through donations by prominent private collectors, according to Claire Vogelman, board chairman of the American Committee.

She anounced that these efforts will be led on a volunteer basis by Valerie Ann Leff, a fashion consultant who heads Val Fashion Studio in New York City. An advisory committee of Israeli and American leaders in the apparel, textile and fashion industries will help establish criteria for acquisitions, Vogelman said.

Alisa Baginski, formerly with the Israel Museum in Jerusalem, is curator of the archive-museum. She announced that two student-faculty projects in the history of design will soon begin at the new facility.

One will examine techniques, designs, origins and uses of some 200 pieces of lace — most of them handmade — produced from 1890 to 1945 by Jewish, Catholic, Arab and Druze craftsmen in the Middle East, which were recently donated to Shenkar.

The second project will study women's wear in kibbutzim and the influence of this "folk costume" on clothing design elsewhere.

Space for the new Shenkar facility, as yet unnamed, will be provided by extensive remodelling of the college's library, which is being replaced with a library almost twice as large.

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Arts

Clever twist near end

Dead of Winter will give viewer chills and thrills

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Katie McGovern (Mary Steenburgen), an aspiring young actress, answers a newspaper ad for a "leading lady" and finds herself enmeshed in an elaborate blackmail plot worthy of any Machiavellian.

That, in essence, is the plot of *Dead Of Winter*, Arthur Penn's thriller now playing at Famous Players theatres.

The film, which was shot outside of Toronto, wastes no time setting a sinister mood.

A hard-bitten woman stops her car one dreary winter night near a small, isolated bus station. She reaches into a locker and retrieves a key. With the key, she opens another locker and pulls out a brief case stuffed with American dollar bills.

The lady, whose name is Julie Rose (also portrayed by Steenburgen), heads back to her automobile and drives into the night. Some minutes later, she pulls up beside a pay telephone. After a brief conversation, she returns to her car. Before she can continue on her journey, a strangler kills her and cuts off part of one of her middle fingers.

Despite the chilling nature of this scene, the real suspense has not even begun. It really takes hold after McGovern, who looks a little like Rose, answers the ad.

The man who placed it, a Mr. Murray (Roddy McDowall), hires her on the spot to do a screen test for his boss in upstate New York. If it goes well, she will replace a starring performer who walked off the set.

The test takes place in a rambling, wood-paneled Victorian house on the edge of a forest, during a howling blizzard. It is a cozy house, filled with old paintings, knicknacks, a grand piano, and two mounted white polar bears in challenging stances. The proprietor, Dr. Joseph Lewis (Jan Rubes), a psychiatrist of obviously Central European descent, is confined to a wheelchair. He is attended to by his faithful, obsequious servant, Mr. Murray.

Dr. Lewis is a charming man and Mr. Murray is most obliging. But Mary McGovern senses that something is amiss, and Richard Einhorn's melodramatic music heightens that feeling of doom.

In short order, she discovers that the phone lines have been cut and stumbles upon color photos of Rose after her murder. Worse still, to her horror, she finds her identity cards in the fireplace, curling into ash in the flames.

She's trapped, the victim of a dark game of intrigue and nightmarish illusions, but she cannot escape, at least not yet.

Before the terrifying game ends, three people are dead.

Dead Of Winter, **written by Marc Shmuger and Mark Malone, is a fairly good thriller with enough chills and spills to satisfy most fans of the genre. Its only problem is that it is a mite too predictable, notwithstanding the clever twist near the end.**

Mary Steenburgen handles her role adeptly, and Roddy McDowall is the perfect eunuch.

Jan Rubes is effective until he launches into an exaggerated death throes scene, which is slightly ridiculous and detracts from the serious effect *Dead Of Winter* is trying to achieve.

Mary Steenburgen

Volunteers for army

Israel Arab singer bound for stardom

By
SIMON GRIVER

JERUSALEM (WZPS)—

Her long black hair, captivating eyes and exceptional singing talent attract both the eye and ear. Yet it is not so much 18-year-old Haya Samir's beauty and musical ability that have won the hearts of Israelis as her decision to volunteer for the army, even though she is an Arab and a Moslem.

Samir will undergo basic training soon in the Negev and then join the Entertainment Corps of the Southern Command as a singer in their musical troupe. She is eagerly anticipating the day when she can don the uniform of the IDF, although conceding that she would not be so enthusiastic if she were being asked to fight rather than sing.

The decision to join the army was a difficult one which she discussed carefully with her parents. "We decided it was my duty to join the army," she stresses. "Israel has given us so much. It is my country and I feel I owe it to do national service."

She claims her debt is much greater than that of most Israeli citizens. Her father is Youssef Samir, an Egyptian journalist who received political asylum in Israel in 1968 after strongly criticizing the late Egyptian leader Gamel Abdul Nasser. Today Youssef Samir works for the Arabic Department of Israel Radio and has written several books about the Middle East. Maya's mother is a kindergarten teacher.

Haya Samir was born in Israel and is avowedly Israeli. "I cannot understand why people want to leave Israel," she says. "I love the country and the people, whether they be Jews or Arabs, and Jerusalem will always be my home."

Her parents have always lived in Jewish neighborhoods within Jerusalem and being the only Arab child at school has often had its problems. "Inevitably there has been racism," she says. "As a child I used to get very upset by the nasty things people said about Arabs, but there has never been any animosity against me personally."

Samir has many Arab friends and concedes that all of them have been against her decision to join the army. But, she stresses, they are broad minded enough to tolerate the step she is taking. "I hope to use my music as a bridge of understanding between Jews and Arabs," she says.

She describes herself as a universalist, believing all the religions worship the same God and values. However, this does not mean that her beliefs can be bent to suit circumstances.

"I will marry the man I love," she asserts, "regardless of whether he is a Jew, Moslem or Christian. But I will not convert out of convenience. I was born a Moslem and that's the religion that will remain on my identity card."

On the Islamic attitude towards women, she says, "I do not believe that Islam has to subjugate women. It is up to individuals and societies to interpret the Koran in the way they want.

"It is the same as Judaism. European and American Jewish women are much more liberated than Oriental women yet they are no less Jews. So it is with Islam. Even in the Arab world we see that the position of women is far worse in Saudi Arabia than in Egypt.

A member of the Hora Yerushalayim Choir, Samir is very much an individualist. At every performance she sings at least one solo number in Arabic, which is always a great hit with the audiences.

After completing her army service, she intends studying music in London, after which she hopes to return to Israel to take up a professional career. She writes some of her own songs in both Hebrew and Arabic and is planning to bring out a solo album in the near future.

Samir, however, possesses a fiery determination not to be exploited when it is suggested to her that she might, as an Arab in the IDF, be used as a propaganda weapon for Israel. "Nobody is going to feed me lines. I have my own opinions about Israel and the Arabs. I deeply respect Zionism. The Jews fought with blood for this land and they deserve to keep it. But they must learn to have more respect for the Palestinians.

Samir is earnest and naive and knows she has much to learn. She is bound for stardom and is level-headed enough to cope with the twin pressures of being a star and being a high-profile Arab in a Jewish state.

Haya Samir says that she is an optimist, but then she has much to be optimistic about.

Haya Samir performs at the Songs of Peace Festival in Jerusalem.

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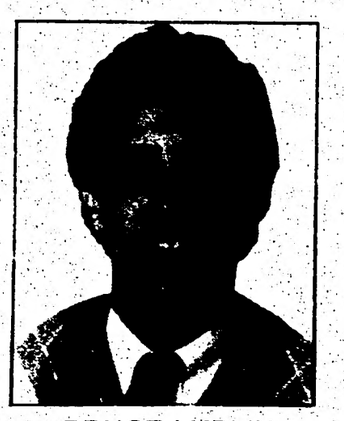

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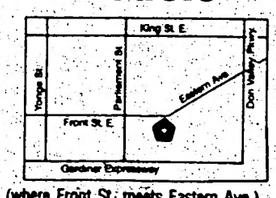

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Autobiographic drama of British bisexual playwright

Ashes is a bittersweet, tragicomic problem play

By FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Jordan Merkur's Eclectic Theatre Productions is noted for its heavy problem plays.

You seldom get a laugh out of the controversial drama subjects he has tackled. They range from incest (*The Dolly*) to physical handicaps (*Creeps*) to homosexuality (*Fortune And Men's Eyes*).

Merkur's current production, *Ashes* (running until March 1 at the Tarragon Theatre Extra Space, 30 Bridgman Ave., 531-1827) is not exactly a laugh riot. But neither is it a total gloom-and-doomster.

Call it a bittersweet, tragicomic problem play and you'd be close to the mark.

It's the autobiographical drama of a British bisexual playwright named David Rudkin and it grapples with the problems of an infertile, bisexual, Belfast-born school teacher as he vainly strives to attain parenthood with his loving, heterosexual, London-born wife.

Though there are a good many bedroom scenes, played in the dark in Mary Spyrakis' stark sets, it's more gynecological than sexual, more clinical than erotical.

Yet there's also a surprising amount of wry, self-mocking humor blended with the painful frustration as we witness the childless couple go through a fruitless, 2-year process. It includes medical examinations, semen samplings, hormone injections, and a natural abortion, followed by an agonizing attempt to adopt a baby which is ultimately rejected.

The play, originally produced in London's Young Vic Theatre and critically acclaimed Off-Broadway, is often taut and touching and for the most part grips your interest.

Merkur's nimble direction helps overcome its two main flaws — a completely irrelevant bombing scene in Belfast and the playwright's occasional lapses into pseudo-poetry. (The worst lapse is when the wife expresses her envy of her fecund neighbors by calling them "suburban bellies bloated with booty of the womb.")

Donald Tripe, frequently seen on CBC's *Seeing Things*, has the right ironic edge on the series of bunglingly comic English medicos he plays. Just to watch him wiggle his toothbrush moustache prissily in one hilarious scene is worth the price of admission.

Derek Boyes and Gabrielle Rose co-star in bittersweet gynecological problem play, Ashes, at the Tarragon Theatre Extra Space.

Derek Boyes, a tall, lanky graduate of Theatre Passe Muraille, is convincing as the distraught husband searching for his manhood.

British Columbia-born Gabrielle Rose is a wonderful find as the wife. The look of torment on her face when she realizes she has aborted her stillborn child reflects the work of a first-class actress.

And Jane Gooderham, who was so effective as a woman convict in Merkur's *Female Transport*, is likewise prolific here as she ably plays a series of minor roles.

It's one of Merkur's better problem plays, which allows you to chuckle occasionally amid the tears.

Jones has fun with American icons

TORONTO —

Picture a Newfy leprechaun.

She looks like a cross between a bright-eyed Irish gargoyle and Dopey from the Seven Dwarfs.

She has a calliope voice, a nutsy sense of humor, the diesel-driven drive of a whole outport of do-se-do square dancers, guns out gags like dum dum bullets swaddled in dese-dem-dose vernacular, is loaded with cheeky charm, and is utterly huggable.

She is, in short, Cathy Jones, the pride of the Codco theatre company of St. John's.

She first stole my heart in 1973 when she initially appeared in Toronto with her Codco troupe in their outrageously wild satirical revue, *Cod On A Stick*.

Now she's back in her own 1-woman show, *Wedding In Texas*, which is playing for an open-end run at Theatre Passe Muraille, 16 Ryerson Ave., 363-2416.

Parts of her show are crude, rampaging rowdiness. But for the most part, when she sticks to the earthy reality of the Newfoundland she knows, her satirical eye is acute and her humor refreshingly zany.

Her first act is a gallery of character studies.

She first introduces us to a cutesy-pie chantootsy from Sicily-Greece-Peru named Armanita Muscaria. A takeoff of a goofy Nana Mouskouri, she coyly observes that "men fall for me like flies in a Raid commercial" and sings a dreadfully tacky love song, *You're My Pyjamas*.

Her second sketch is not funny, but it certainly smacks of realism. She portrays both a wife-bashing husband and the masochistic bashee of a wife and concludes it with a Newfy *Frankie and Johnny* blues song. One wonders why she included it.

Happily, she returns to belly laughs in her following parodies. Drusea Ice Cream Morning Star is a caricature of an alternative lifestyle groupie who tells fortunes with french fries and boasts of being able to see the colors of her plaid aura.

Vave Gladne is a sort of feminist Joan Rivers who is hostess of a TV talk show called *Fudgeos and Feminism*. She speaks insultingly of her former husband who felt that "sex is like doing the dishes — if you do it badly enough, you won't be asked any more."

I liked best her devastating lampoon of a vulgar, womanizing stand-up comic called Burford Murphy, whose greasy black hair and slick moustache made him look like a fatuous but non-fat Jackie Gleason.

The second act of the show is more ambitious, a fusion of film and live stage action. It's the odyssey of an outport lesbian who escapes from waitressing in the local greasy spoon to attend the wedding of her lesbian lover in Texas who inexplicably has fallen in love with a sleazebag male.

On the road in her blue truck, she spoofs just about every American icon. Like the show itself, it's a cornucopia of thumb-to-nose humor, brimming with Newfy hilarity.

F.R.

Cathy Jones is a bundle of Newfy laughs in Wedding in Texas.

Zimriya shows Jewish songs help to unify

TORONTO —

The unity of song was emphasized in the recent zimriya — music festival — organized by the Toronto Board of Jewish Education, in which some 400 students in choirs from 15 day and supplementary Jewish schools participated to mark Jewish Music Month.

"How wonderful it is that Jewish song continues to unify the Jewish people," said BJE executive director Irwin Witty. "As these children grow older, they will remember how they came together and participated in such a positive way.

"This has not been a competition," he told an overflowing audience at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, which hosted the event. "All the children have come here just for the joy of singing.

"There are no individual winners," he said. All the children are winners."

Participating day schools included Associated, Bialik, Netivot HaTorah, She'arim, and United Synagogue. The following congregational and supplementary schools took part: Leo Baeck, Beth Tikva, Beth Tzedec, Downtown Jewish Community, Holy Blossom, Kadima, Shaar Shalom, Temple Sinai, Temple Har Zion, and United Congregational Schools.

Special tribute was paid to festival coordinator Yael Brym for organizing the zimriya.

Shaarei Shomayim president Martin Sable and executive vice-president Myer Dorn were thanked for providing the facilities.

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Arts

Gerineldo

Authoritative Judeo-Spanish folk group to play here

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By
RICK KARDONNE

Gerineldo, internationally recognized as being the authoritative folk ensemble that interprets Judeo-Spanish traditional music and legends, will present a musical-theatrical pageant at Petah Tikvah Anshe Castilla Congregation, 20 Danby (Bathurst-Sheppard) at 8 p.m., March 1.

Comprised of Judith Cohen, Kelly Amar, Ona Anahory-Librowicz and Solly Levy, this Montreal-based ensemble, performing on traditional instruments, has toured widely, presenting its beautiful and fascinating renditions of Judeo-Spanish folk legends that date from the medieval period.

Biblical epics are blended with amorous romances and tales of adventure, chivalry and heroic Jewish exploits. The accompanying music combines ancient Judaic, Middle Eastern, Spanish-Mediterranean romantic and Renaissance baroque in a fascinating fusion with the Jewish elements dominant.

Gerineldo has released two tapes and have performed from Israel to Caracas and extensively throughout Spain. Everywhere it has gone, the group has met universal acclaim not only for its onstage performance but also for the meticulous research employed in staging its shows.

Toronto Jewry is strongly encouraged to see this concert which represents a vital and vibrant segment of our Jewish heritage. For further information regarding this concert, which climaxes Petah Tikvah's annual Judeo-Spanish Week, call Petah Tikvah's synagogue office at 636-4719.

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The Jewish Theological Seminary of America has approved the granting of diplomas to women chazzans for Conservative congregations.

The Gerineldo folk emsemble with (from left) Oro Anahory-Librowicz, Solly Levy, Kelly Sultan Amar and Judith Cohen. [Stan Adams photo]

Temple's Madrigal Singers make vivid debut in program

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —

The madrigal section of the Holy Blossom Temple Singers made a vivid debut here recently, their dynamism underscored by a disappointing first half program.

Alto duetists Nina Vanderlinden and Liz Bolton not only launched the Temple Singers' contribution to the public concert but also raised the program to a new level of passion and polish. The two sang a selection from 18th-century Portuguese Dutch composer Abraham Casseress' rendition of the shacharit (morning service) prayers.

The Madrigal Singers began their contribution with an 8-part rendition of Ein Keloheinu. (The term madrigal, from the Italian madrigale, originates from the Hebrew word madrigot — which means steps or levels — according to a recent opinion.)

Conductor of and occasional soloist in the Singers' program of Renaissance and Baroque style liturgical selections was the synagogue's cantor, Benjamin Maissner. Accompanying them were Douglas Bodle on harpsichord and the Ensemble for Early Jewish Music, on woodwinds, percussion and strings. The ensemble was on a visit here from New York.

The first half of the program, in which the ensemble played a selection of pre- and post-Renaissance Sephardi wedding songs and ballads, was marred by an overly academic and detached approach.

Ensemble members interrupted their performance to introduce their authentic period instruments, which went on display after the concert anyway. Their mechanical playing made one selection virtually indistinguishable from another. (Moveable microphones to highlight the change in solos might have helped.)

The ensemble members' prodigious academic credentials were unfortunately not matched by their professionalism as performers. Each wore casual dress different from the other's — period costumes would have been far more entertaining.

The public concert, which took place on a Sunday night crackling with frost, marked the climax of the synagogue's Shabbat Shira program.

This columnist wholeheartedly endorses this decision.

At the same time, as a lay person, this columnist has supported and will continue to enthusiastically promote Orthodox cultural programs sponsored by the Lubavitch and other such organizations. In the words of rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, "pluralism is the will of God."

However, in the case of cantorial assemblies in which all three branches of Jewish observance might all participate, one should trust that good sense will prevail in reaching a settlement which would allow women cantors to perform without creating undue discontent among Orthodox elements whose participation should be regarded as being vital.

It is hoped that the JTS decision will lead to the appearance of women chazzans in Toronto's leading Conservative syngogues.

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While the Ezrat Nashim benefit concert recently staged at Beth Tzedec, featuring Maureen Forrester, Rivka Golani and Patricia Parr, was competently performed, its lack of Jewish content was a fatal flaw.

For such an occasion, in benefit of a Jerusalem hospital, and staged in this continent's largest conservative synagogue, one would have expected at least half the program to have some Jewish content.

Forrester might have sung, for example, some arias from several of Handel's Jewish theme oratorios of which there are at least six. Golani might have performed on viola a piece by the dynamic contemporary Israeli composer Yehezkel Braun, or a selection from her mentor, the late Oedeon Partos.

There was nothing of the sort. Instead, the audience heard Forrester open the concert with two Brahms lieder suites — the second one which referred to Jesus Christ. Besides not having any Jewish content, the music itself was lightweight. Only the final selection, a suite of four songs by C. M. Loeffler, combining baroque and impressionist traditions, aroused any sense of musical stimulation to the listener.

The rest of the concert was devoted to fluff — be it obscure Canadian folksongs performed by Forrester or commonplace chestnuts (of the Fritz Kreisler or Brahms Hungarian Dance Variety) rendered by Golani.

1-man Einstein show to open at Posluns

TORONTO —

Einstein, a 1-man show written by Winnipeg-born playwright Gabriel Emanuel and starring Canadian actor Peter Boretski as the Jewish genius of science, opens March 5 at the Leah Posluns Theatre for a 3-week run.

At the same time, it will be presented in Israel by the Habimah Theatre starring an Israeli actor. It will be the first time in the history of the Habimah when that distinguished company presents a Canadian play produced by Canadians.

Einstein made its Canadian debut in 1985 at the Toronto Workshop Productions Theatre starring Boretski. A Globe and Mail reviewer called it "a fond and funny monologue that enfolds the audience in a great grand-fatherly embrace."

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Blind artist Ron Satok branches into theatrical world

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —
Ron Satok simply won't give up.

He is a blind artist with spunk — and vision.

When glaucoma blackened his world forever eight years ago, the 55-year-old sightless painter refused to admit defeat.

Out of his own dark despair, he resolved to reach out to others also "inconvenienced" — his word for disabled — and help them see the light of helping themselves to create.

He studied mime and dance at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute and opened the Ronald Satok School of Art Through Awareness and Action.

Located at 446 Ontario St., it's a freewheeling school that teaches physically or mentally handicapped youngsters self-expression in the arts.

It has a staff of six (including his 30-year-old son, Michael in charge of visual arts); its major client is the separate school division of the Metro Separate School Board; and Satok estimates he has reached more than 20,000 people through his lectures and participative demonstrations over the past six years.

Now the irrepressible Satok has branched out into the theatrical world.

He is seeking 20 teenagers — disabled or otherwise — to join the Satok Players.

Under the supervision of Jennifer Hagglund, a 34-year-old director-playwright, who is the school's drama teacher, they will be invited to perform in *The Go-Between*, a multi-media production which will be staged June 4 at the Leah Posluns Theatre in the Jewish Community Centre.

Auditions will be held at 7 p.m. on March 2 at the Northern JCC and on March 3 at the Bloor St. JCC. For information, they are urged to phone 967-0780.

The production will feature acting, dancing and singing in a 45-minute play written by Hagglund and will serve as a prelude to the official dedication of a 200-square foot mural which will be a permanent part of the entrance of the Koffler Art Gallery at the Jewish Community Centre.

Titled *Jeremiah's Go-Between*, the mural will consist of thousands of vividly colored Venetian and Byzantine glass and tile mosaics.

Based on a mural that Satok designed 14 years ago, it features the 12 tribes of Israel and a central portrait of the prophet Jeremiah communicating with God. Satok has been working on the giant mural with the aid of his sighted assistant, Deborah Hankel, and a group of his students.

The entire project is sponsored by grants from Wintario, the Ontario ministry of citizenship and culture and the Berman Fund.

Before blindness struck, Satok was an international artist on the brink of fame.

He's the son of the Polish and Russian immigrants, Hyman and Esther, who used to operate Satok's Ladies Ready-to-wear stores on College St. and Eglinton.

He was the captain of basketball, track and football teams at Vaughan Rd. Collegiate, a graduate of the Ontario College of Art who traveled to Europe, opened his own Toronto art school in 1961, and, with the help of a benefactor, studied in New York, Japan and Mexico.

Blind artist Ron Satok (centre) helps "inconvenienced" children to express their creativity at his art school.

Does he have any regrets or feel any bitterness about fate dealing him an injustice?

"I don't have any time to think about it," says Satok cheerfully. "I'm too busy carving myself out a brand-new career teaching inconvenienced kids to make something of themselves."

Modern Jewish women's attempt to find their role explored in docu-drama

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —
Modern Jewish women's attempts to find a more active and meaningful role in Judaism will be explored in a film being produced by Montreal native Francine Zuckerman. Ten Jewish feminists from Canada, the United States and Israel will tell their stories of reconciling their Jewishness with their raised consciousness.

Israel's Shulamit Aloni and Alice Shalvi, Canadians Norma Joseph and Adele Wiseman, and Bella Abzug and Betty Friedan of the United States are among the Jewish feminists on Zuckerman's list of interviews.

Kol Ishah: The Jewish Woman's Voice (the working title) will be a 90-minute "docu-drama" and is scheduled to be completed by the spring of 1988. A 1-hour version has already been sold to TV Ontario, said Zuckerman, 28, who has been living in Ottawa for the past four years. It's her first major film, but Zuckerman said the idea has been forming in her mind as far back as she can remember.

"This film is incredibly important to me. It's taken over my life," said Zuckerman, a graduate of McGill University, who spent several years in Edmonton producing a Jewish program on the ethnic channel.

"My grandfather was Orthodox, dressed in black with a long beard and studied all the time. My father, who was born in Poland, rebelled against much of the traditions. So we were a modern Orthodox family, traditional in a lot of ways yet with that sense of rebellion."

Zuckerman heads a Jewish feminist group in Ottawa, called the Jewish Women's Network, which grew out of a conference on women and Judaism she organized a few years ago there. Zuckerman is also involved with Canadian Jewish Congress' Status of Women Committee.

The film, which she has already been working on for 2½ years, is "not radical or militant, but it will make a strong statement." It will look at the choices available to women who seeking a spiritual expression of Judaism that will suit them.

The dramatized parts will evoke women role models from Jewish history — from biblical, talmudic and medieval times. The premise is that Jewish women, historically, practiced their faith actively, occupying a dignified position in Judaism, and today's feminists are only reclaiming that honorable past.

"They are reclaiming the woman's voice (kol ishah), which was has been looked upon as indecent and arousing, silenced from public reception," Zuckerman said.

"The woman's voice and experience has been remarkably written out of history, yet has bravely defeated its opposition with the advent of Jewish feminism."

The stories of the modern and historical Jewish women leaders will be linked by a poetic narrative woven through the film. The historical characters will not be actually portrayed but rather "imaged" through the use of scenery, art and music, Zuckerman said.

Music is being composed by Liz Magnes, an American-born Israeli jazz pianist. She will be in Canada to give two benefit concerts for Kol Ishah. On Feb. 28, she will perform at Montreal's Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom at 8 p.m. and, on March 1, at the Beth Tzedec Congregation in Toronto at 2 p.m.

Her unusual repertoire includes a jazz rendition of the medieval prayer music of North African Jews, as well as of popular Israeli music and Bach.

Zuckerman said Kol Ishah is an independent film and its realization relies on private fund raising. She has had some assistance from the National Film Board, Canada Council, Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation and the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton.

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The Counterlife

Roth's eccentric new novel said worth a second read

books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

The Counterlife, by Philip Roth. Collins $18.95 U.S.

In this brilliant and eccentric novel we once again enter into the disordered life of that notorious man of letters, Nathan Zuckerman, Roth's alter ego, already minutely dissected in three previous books.

At 53, with 17 books to his credit, the redoubtable Roth has now achieved something new and surprising — a convoluted narrative that becomes a story within a story, within a story. Again and again the book pulls the rug out from under the bewildered reader. In a recent interview the author mused, "I wonder if it's like anything that's been done before. I don't know a book it resembles, do you? In this book you are in a scientific lab; we are running some experiments."

At the book's outset, Nathan Zuckerman's dentist brother has died during the surgery he had decided on in order to cure his impotence that results from necessary medication.

But wait, in the book's second section, Henry, the former dentist, is very much alive and leading an exciting new life on Israel's West Bank, the fervid follower of a charismatic Zionist extremist. Visited by Nathan he refuses to return to his former placid life or family.

Roth, in depicting the contradictions inherent in Israeli life, has much to say about disparate types of Jewish identity, the search for religious and cultural authenticity and the scourge of anti-semitism.

An Israeli journalist points out the perils of following a Kahane-type leader: "What are the consequences of this delightful man? The destruction of the country! Who comes to this country now to settle and live? The intellectual Jew? The humane Jew? The beautiful Jew? No, not the Jew from Buenos Aires, or Rio, or Manhattan. The ones who come from America are either religious or crazy or both . . . Now who we get is the Oriental Jew and the Russian Jew and the social misfits like your brother, roughnecks in yarmulkes from Brooklyn."

Nathan, the alienated Jew, is badgered by a female member of the Israeli cult who warns him, "What Hitler couldn't achieve with Auschwitz, American Jews are doing themselves in the bedroom. Sixty-five percent of American Jewish college students marry non-Jews — sixty-five percent lost forever to the Jewish people! First there was the hard extermination, now there is the soft extermination. And this is why young people are learning Hebrew at Agor . . . to escape those communities in your country where Jews are committing spiritual suicide."

Eventually the reader learns that it was not Henry but Nathan who had died and that the entire first section of the book is the older brother's description of the many-sided life of his brother from which he cannot extricate himself.

In a section entitled, "Gloucestershire" we learn of Nathan's love for a "wonderfully bruised, super-civilized" already married, gentile, British woman and how he imagines his marriage with her amid the serene, genteel anti-semitism of the English upper-crust."

It isn't clear until the book's end which events are real and which are fantasy. Rich in ideas and vigorous political and cultural debate *The Counterlife* deals — among other themes — with the Jew in Christian society, the quest for religious identity, mid-life rejuvenation, the role of the writer, conflicting lifestyles and ultimate satisfactions.

Dazzled and unsettled, the serious reader is sure that this fecund, overflowing book deserves a second, even closer, reading and that the effort will prove rewarding.

Light of Day proves to be endearing film

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Paul Schrader's newest picture, *Light Of Day*, is deceptively appealing.

Films about rock and roll bands do not normally attract reviewers like myself. In fact, I avoid them like the plague.

Although it ostensibly charts the progress of such a band, the raucous Barbusters, *Light Of Day* is decidedly different.

Schrader's film, which is set in grim, dilapidated working-class neighborhoods of the American rust belt, is actually a family drama that unfolds against a backdrop of music partly composed by the renowned Bruce Springsteen.

In a family torn by conflict, Joe Rasnick (Michael J. Fox, right) provides reassurance for his strong-willed mother (Gena Rowlands, left)

Joe Rasnick (Michael J. Fox) and his older sister, Patti (Joan Jett), live in a dreary area of Cleveland, not far from a grimy industrial landscape of belching smokestacks and polluted streams.

By day, Joe works in a factory producing pressed metal trays bearing the likeness of the British royal family. By night, he comes into his own as a member of a struggling band, the Barbusters, which entertains lively crowds in seedy bars.

Tenderly played by Fox, Joe is an ideal brother to his rebellious, black leather-clad sister and her 4½-year-old illegitimate son Benji, all of whom live away from home in a shoddy, badly furnished house.

Joe is on good terms with his parents, but Patti can hardly stand the sight of them, particularly her mother, Jeanette (Gina Rowlands). Patti lives by her own rules, having rejected the values of her elders, and she has alienated her religious mother by having refused to identity her son's father.

When Joe gets laid off, Patti, for whom rock and roll is the only thing that matters, suggests that the Barbusters hit the road. Not having anything better to do with his time, he agrees. Even before they leave Cleveland in their white van, Joe, a fellow with decent instincts, is forced to clean up after Patti, who has committed a burglary so that the cash-starved Barbusters can buy a good sound system.

The band is not successful. After one week, taking expenses into account, they're left with only $57 each, hardly a princely sum. And Joe's close relationship with Patti, expertly portrayed by Jett, is shaken after he catches her stealing food in a supermarket.

In quick succession, the Barbusters break up, Patti joins a heavy metal band, and, much to Patti's annoyance, Joe takes custody of Benji and moves back with his parents.

At this point, Jeanette Rasnick — a staunchly middle-class woman who is played superbly by Rowlands — develops cancer. Her life-threatening ailment unites the family and induces Patti to make a startling confession.

***Light Of Day*, now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, is an endearing film with a rough exterior. And like Bruce Springsteen's gritty lyrics, it delivers its story with energy and passion.**

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TORONTO —

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"See the music, hear the dance," master used to urge

National Ballet pays splendid homage to Balanchine

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —
Master choreographer George Balanchine used to urge viewers of his plotless ballets, "See the music, hear the dance."

"Mr. B," as the genius of contemporary ballet was called by his fans, also used to say, "Music is like an aquarium with the dancers inside it. It's all around you, like fish moving through water."

The creator of a balletic style that revolutionized classical dance, he claimed it was neither the music, nor the story, nor the props, but the visual spectacle in action that ought to be the star of the show.

He was an extraordinary figure, schooled in the Imperial Russian ballet, who went on to become founder of the New York City Ballet, the father of modern ballet-making, and the professional colleague of his two fellow geniuses whose work he commissioned, Igor Stravinsky and Pablo Picasso.

He was an ardent innovator, who tackled every form of dance, using composers that ranged from Gershwin to John Philip Sousa. He joyously staged dances for Hollywood and Broadway musicals running the gamut from the schmaltz of *The Merry Widow* to the brass of *The Ziegfeld Follies*.

He choreographed *Slaughter On Tenth Avenue* for Gene Kelly and he even created a dance for elephants.

He died four years ago at 79, and the National Ballet of Canada has paid splendid homage to the master as part of its current winter season at the O'Keefe Centre.

The first of his three non-narrative, "pure dance" pieces is the romantic and enigmatic *Serenade*. It's set to the music of Tchaikovsky's *Serenade In C Major* and thus adheres to Balanchine's principle of naming ballets after their musical score to dissuade audiences from seeing a story line in the patterns of movements.

It's simply "a dance in the light of the moon," he said.

But that doesn't prevent viewers from giving it their own interpretation. It struck this reviewer as a lyrical paean to female rite of passage from girlhood to womanhood.

Whatever its significance, it was a pleasant experience to watch the company's ensemble of young, vigorous bodies in their powder-blue tutus in poetic action.

Veronica Tennant, with her long, lean face and majestic manner, was at her loveliest in a mysterious pas de trois with Rex Harrington and Lorraine Blouin.

The second work, *The Four Temperaments: A Dance Ballet Without A Plot*, is based on the intricate, atonal and jazzy music of the German-American Jewish modernist, Paul Hindemith. As though to emphasize its contemporary mood, the dancers are all dressed in their practice leotards, and their movements suggest a hip, sophisticated wit, almost a put-on of the old-style traditions of Russian ballet.

But, in the third act, the unpredictable Balanchine refuses to be glibly tagged and fools us. Originally titled *The Crystal Palace*, this 1948 work was renamed *Symphony In C* after the score of the French composer George Bizet, best known for his opera *Carmen*.

Balanchine transforms it into a jubilant salute to classical ballet. Reflecting his democratic philosophy of showcasing the entire ensemble rather than prima donna soloists, four leading couples must share the spotlight here.

Nevertheless, I was most entranced by the pas de deux of Karen Kain in tandem with Rex Harrington. She's quite simply at the peak of her form, making every technically difficult movement seem effortless, and sailing through it in the arms of Harrington with patrician aplomb. Her standout talent just won't be submerged.

I was also impressed by the speedy virtuosity of Kim Lightheart, Gizella Witkowsky and that seasoned pro, Tomas Schramek.

The music, written by Bizet when he was 17, is (despite Balanchine's warning) a delight to the ears. It's a compote that contains oboe melodies and Scottish-flavored reels and concludes with a spectacular finale that brought the audience to their feet, cheering.

Regretably, Mr. B. was not alive to take a deserved bow.

Veronica Tennant, on floor, with Rex Harrington and Lorraine Blouin, co-star in National Ballet of Canada's tribute to master choreographer George Balanchine.

Jewish women's strength illustrated in new books

By
DAVID BIRKAN

The diversity, resilience and spiritual depths they describe comprise an implicit salute to the following newly published books' subject: the Jewish woman.

The role of women in traditional Judaism is the focus of H. E. Yedidiah Ghatan's *The Invaluable Pearl* **(Bloch Publishing Co., U.S. $10). The 185-page softcover book ranges the span of Jewish history, in copy that is clear, detailed, and enlightening.**

A prime incitement to the Maccabees' revolt was the women's outrage at the Syrian governor's prohibition of circumcision. Ghatan points out that they leaped to their deaths from the walls of Jerusalem, sons in arm. "The women's message to their husbands was clear," he writes. "If the men did not have the courage to fight the enemy, neither their wives nor their children would remain."

More direct acts are also described. According to tradition, high priest Mattityahu's daughter allowed herself to be taken by the passionate Syrian governor to his palace, where she threw him a private but elaborate wine and cheese party. When he became drunk, she cut off his head and smuggled it back to the Maccabees as a sign for their uprising.

The deeds of more passive heroines are also described.

Halachic obligations women share with men include: Shabbat kiddush, the Yom Kippur fast, eating matzoh on Pesach, partaking of the paschal lamb, rejoicing on the festivals, lighting the Chanukah candles, drinking four cups of wine during the seder, and reciting hallel (the giving thanks series of Psalms) on Pesach night. These and other women's customs, as well as their underlying philosophy, are also explored in Ghatan's book.

When a man sighs in Yiddish, "It's hard to be a Jew," a customary response is: "It's even harder to be a Jewess." Ghatan's book describes some of the glory and accomplishments of their challenging position.

The Testing of Hanna Senesh **(Wayne State University Press, U.S.$7.50 paperback) is a memorial in verse by American-Jewish poet Ruth Whitman for her heroic predecessor. Senesh, parachuted into Hungary during the Holocaust in an effort to save Jews, was caught by the Nazis and executed at the age of 23.**

Whitman's is an attempt to recreate what Senesh might have written during the last nine months of her life. All the poems are hers, except for Senesh's Blessed is the Match. The poems are short, varied in style, very graphic, and moving.

Anne Frank's Tales from the Secret Annex **(Doubleday, $20) is a compilation of fables, short stories, essays and reminiscences that the young Dutch Holocaust victim composed during her months-long attempt to hide from the Nazis. Secret personal aspirations mingle with the muted horror of the outside world and some fond memories of a recent past brutally and irrevocably cut off.**

This small hardcover is a touching complement to Anne Frank's famous diary.

Star Children, **by Clara Asscher-Pinkhoff (Wayne State University Press, U.S.$20 hardcover) is the first English translation of a documentary novel that has fascinated Europe since its first publication, in 1946. The author lived at the time of Anne Frank in Holland, and managed to survive. She died in Israel several years ago at the age of 87.**

This work by the professional novelist — a widow at 30, she had to support herself and her six children through writing — is set in the Amsterdam detention centre where children are temporarily housed before being shipped to Auschwitz. The youngsters call it Star House. At the end of the line is Star Hell. They, wearing their yellow patches over their hearts marked Jood, are the Star Children.

Occupying a prominent role in the cryptic tales of early 19th century chassidic leader Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav is the king's daughter. She, as Adin Steinsaltz emphasizes in his recently published retelling of these tales, *Beggars and Prayers* **(Fitzhenry & Whiteside in Canada, $10.50 softcover), is a vital figure.**

The king's daughter, Steinsaltz suggests in his introduction, symbolizes the Shechinah, the aspect of God's power that vivifies the world. She also represents the communal soul of Israel, personified in tradition as woman, bride, daughter, or the bride of God.

Steinsaltz's explanations of these and other mystic concepts intertwined by Nachman of Bratslav provide a reasonable initiation for readers of these classic tales.

Something a little lighter?

Try For A Dream, **a novel by Miriam Elias (Feldheim Publishers, U.S.$7.50 softcover), describes the efforts of one young Jewish girl to forge a friendship with another, who knows nothing about observance.**

The tightly written story, a recent selection of the publisher's Young Readers Division, combines the best elements of the craft: a plot, good solid descriptions, strong characters developing a relationship, irony, and humor. The action starts and the acquaintances made when the heroine, Tova Levine, is struck by a car driven by her future friend's mother.

Elias is a playwright; as her first book, this is a sound accomplishment.

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"The cradle of French civilization in North America"

Presence of early settlers still felt in Quebec streets

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

QUEBEC CITY —
Samuel de Champlain built a couple of log cabins, a store and a stockade on the St. Lawrence River waterfront of what is now Quebec City. That was in 1608. With him came soldiers and fur traders, in latter years settlers. Now, Quebec City's Lower Town, known as Place Royale, has been partly restored to 17th century appearance, and is called the cradle of French civilization in North America.

You can almost feel the presence of the first French settlers as you walk the narrow winding streets of Quebec City. While the first buildings were close to the waterfront, a fort was built on the hill which rose steeply from the river in today's Upper Town, where most of the hotels, restaurants and shops are located. This is a good place to start a walking tour of the old city.

In the area around Dufferin Terrace, a wide boardwalk on the hill, with a sweeping view of the river and distant Laurentian hills, are concentrated many 17th and 18th century stone houses. Here also plaques mark historic events and buildings.

Above the southern end of Dufferin Terrace are the remains of the bastions of the Citadel built in the 17th century by the first governor of New France, Buade de Frontenac. The Citadel was rebuilt in the 19th century, is now partly a museum, the summer residence of Canada's governor-general, and during the summer the location of a daily ceremonial Changing of the Guard by scarlet-coated soldiers.

At the northern end of Dufferin Terrace is a monument to Champlain, hat in hand, surveying the city he founded. A stone's throw away is the Chateau Frontenac Hotel, a landmark which can be seen for miles.

Nearby are monuments to French General Louis Montcalm and English General James Wolfe, both fo whom died in the Battle of the Plains of Abraham in 1759, when France lost Canada to England. The battlefield, then a farm, is today a beautiful park.

Champlain built Fort St. Louis in 1620 on the site of the Chateau Frontenac. The square in front of the hotel has a fountain and monument to Franciscan monks. Once it was a battlefield between Huron and Iroquois Indians, the Hurons having come to seek French protection in the fortress.

Walk up St. Louis St., past 18th century houses, to number 25. This is the Duke of Kent House, residence of the father of Queen Victoria while he was stationed at Quebec City from 1791 to 1794. The house dates back to 1636, and it was here the capitulation of Quebec was signed on Sept. 18, 1759.

At the next tiny street, Du Parloir, is the entrance to the Ursuline Convent, founded in 1639, as a girls' school. Part of the original wall still stands. Montcalm is buried here in the chapel on Donnacona St.

Continue on Des Jardins and on your right is the first Anglican cathedral built outside the British Isles. It was dedicated in 1804. Its vaults contain records of the parish since 1768.

Further along on Des Jardins is the old Quebec City Hall, with a small statue of Louis Hebert, a Parisian who became Canada's first farmer. Nearby is a monument to Cardinal Taschereau, once rector of Laval University and Canada's first cardinal.

Walk down narrow, winding Couillard St., past Laval University and 17th century stone houses to Des Ramparts, where there is a fine view of the harbor, river and mountains. At the bottom of an incline on Des Ramparts you will come to where boats and canoes were once moored, and now there are piers for ocean liners and freighters.

Turn into Cote Dambourges at the foot of which is Sous-le-Cap, believed the narrowest street in North America. In colonial days it was fashionable. At the foot of the street is a tablet marking where American General Benedict Arnold was defeated in December 1775.

Going back towards Upper Town via Champlain St. and the Breakneck Stairs straight uphill, is a house where explorer-priest Louis Jolliet lived from 1683 on. Today the house is part of an elevator which takes you the easy way back to Dufferin Terrace.

At one time Quebec City was surrounded by a wall in the old European manner. Part of that wall still stands, and there are three entrances straddling main thoroughfares. These are Kent Gate, St. Louis Gate and St. Jean Gate, through which roads lead now to the modern parts of Quebec City, government buildings, the Quebec legislature, residential areas, shopping malls and the new university campuses.

A detailed booklet, Walking Tour Of Old Quebec, is available from the Quebec Urban Community offices at 53 Rue d'Auteuil, Quebec City, Que. G1R 4C2.

A 17th century stone house, now a museum in the old part of Quebec City, near the waterfront, with high on the hill the famous Chateau Frontenac Hotel, on the site of a 17th century fort.

Historic Florida resort holds 66th birthday

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Shopping, theatre, museums and sports

Great attractions draw visitors to vibrant Washington

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

WASHINGTON—

The United States capital annually draws more Canadian visitors for it has an intriguing collection of attractions, most of which are free and open to the public seven days a week. In recent years the city has become one of the major theatre cites in the country, has good shopping, and because of its many embassies has a wide variety of gourmet eateries where you can taste the foods of the world.

The Washington Convention and Visitors Association (1575 Eye St., Suite 250, Washington DC 20005) is located only two blocks from the White House and is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and has available a large variety of free brochures with tourist information.

For example, there is the brochure Washington Weekends. The city's low-priced weekend hotel packages offer wonderful opportunities for visitors to take advantage of the unlimited cultural offerings, such as monument tours, museum visits, dinner theatres and all the outdoor attractions.

Washington offers a nightly array of entertainment. Once considered a "tryout" city for New York-bound shows, with one theatre to house all major shows, the city has over 20 professional stage theatres, including four within the Kennedy Centre complex.

There are more than a dozen professional dinner and community theatres in the greater metropolitan area, offering an assortment of classical musicals, dramas and comedies. When the doors close for the day at the museums and art galleries, the curtain is just going up at one of dozens of live theatrical productions from Broadway shows to ballet.

One of the many public buildings open for public visits is the National Archives in Washington.

In spring the National Cherry Blossom Festival about mid-April, highlights visits to the many parks with flower shows. The springtime sun warms the magnificent wide avenues. This is an outdoor time in Washington with bicyclists and joggers everywhere. The beautiful Rock Creek Park is filled with golfers, horseback riders, runners, picnickers and sun-worshippers.

The Potomac River hosts sailboats, yachts and dinner cruise ships. On the Tidal Basin there are hundreds of paddleboat enthusiasts.

During the last few weeks of April you will be able to visit the private gardens in the fashionable Georgetown area each afternoon. The gardens of the White House are usually open for public visits at that time, including the Jacqueline Kennedy Rose Garden and the West Lawn.

One of the important ceremonial events in Washington will be on May 25 when the annual Memorial Day ceremony will be celebrated. This includes wreath-laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery, music by military bands and later that evening a concert by the National Symphony Orchestra on the west lawn of the Capitol Building.

The U.S. capital is a good place for shopping from small specialty shops and boutiques in Georgetown to trendy shopping complexes in the heart of downtown. Famous-name stores line fashionable Connecticut Ave. There are several new malls on Pennsylvania Ave.

The Watergate complex boasts an array of designer boutiques offering the latest in European styles.

The bohemian Dupont Circle and Adams-Morgan neighborhoods have a growing selection of art galleries, antique shops and interesting bookstores. And most stores are easily accessible on the city's Metro subway transit system.

Of special interest to older visitors are 1,400 Washington merchants listed in the Gold Mine Directory (available free from the Convention and Visitors Association or hotel information desk) who offer discounts to those over 60 years of age and who can show proof of age when making a purchase.

Besides the many museums and art galleries, there are numerous public buildings such as the legislative complex on Capitol Hill, various government departments such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), National Library and the Supreme Court building which are open to visitors.

Award program for recreation is announced

TORONTO —

The Ontario ministry of tourism and recreation has developed a new program, Corps d'Elite, to recognize the accomplishments of volunteers in the field of recreation.

Each year up to 35 volunteers will be eligible for the awards at the provincial level and up to 15 per region will be selected across the province.

Nominations for the provincial awards will be reviewed each year by a committee of parks and recreation leaders appointed by Minister of Tourism and Recreation John Eakins. The regional award recipients will be chosen by selection committees in each of the ministry's five regions.

The regional program recognizes outstanding voluntary contribution in sports, fitness and recreation at a regional level. Each region has its own program and nomination procedures.

Provincial recipients will be honored at a special presentation ceremony at Queen's Park. Regional recipients will be honored at an appropriate recreation event in their respective regions.

The volunteers will be presented with a framed certificate and a distinctive lapel pin, following the reading of a citation which outlines each volunteer's achievements.

Nominations for provincial recognition must be postmarked no later than March 31 and submitted to: Corps d'Elite, Ministry of Tourism and Recreation, Recreation Branch, 77 Bloor St. W. 8th floor, Toronto M7A 2R9.

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Ocean Drive sparkles with new life

Many Miami hotels restored to Art Deco grandeur

MIAMI —

About 10 years ago, someone scraped the paint off an elevator door in an old Miami Beach hotel and discovered, in wonderment, that underneath was an artful deco pattern cast in shining bronze.

Next, a pulled-up stained and tattered carpet uncovered an intricately patterned terrazzo floor.

Word got around and, pretty soon, lots of Miami Beach property owners were scraping and peeling their way into the most vigorous neighborhood revitalization in the south — the Art Deco District of Miami Beach.

A neighborhood of rundown hotels, all but given up for dead as commercial property 10 years ago, emerged in 1986 as one of the hottest entertainment and lodging centres in the area. There is every indication its popularity will continue to grow for years to come.

With the exception of some avid local interest occasioned by the "discovery" of Miami Beach's stylish era of the 1930s, just five years ago the 1-square mile area, now known as the Art Deco District, had no viable tourist lodgings, no nightclubs, a mere handful of undistinguished eateries and no attraction at all for residents and visitors. Even one of the world's most famous beaches had lost its lustre, lined by the tired and lifeless collection of rundown hotels.

But in 1986, seemingly all of a sudden, 14 hotels restored to their Art Deco resplendence are open, along with eight restaurants and two hot nightclubs. This activity has begun to draw upscale crowds and Ocean Drive sparkles with new life for the first time in a half-century.

Encompassing 1-square mile and 800 buildings, the Miami Beach National Historic (Art Deco) District won recognition on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979 through the efforts of dedicated preservationists. Together with friends and investors, tentative commercial efforts in the area — the outdoor cafe at the Cardozo Hotel and a couple of attempts at hotel renewal — produced enough of a spark to keep interest in the neighborhood's business potential alive.

Miami Beach's 10th Annual Art Deco Weekend in January, celebrated not only the city's bright era as America's cure for the Depression but the wistful style of fantasy architecture that gave the place its unique character as well.

Nearly 350,000 people who attended the festival, witnessed the progress of the area as commercial interest continues to grow in the Art Deco District and new visitors — locals and tourists alike — fall in love with the combination of stylized design, oceanfront setting, carefree attitude and good times created in an area that looks and feels like it has gotten a new lease on life.

Visitors to the district in 1987 will find all sorts of new activity under way. Here are some of the major points of interest.

• Hotels and cafes — Along Ocean Drive, the fully renovated Leslie Hotel with its SoBe Cafe, the Carlyle Hotel and the Carlyle Grill and the Waldorf Towers, with its popular Downstairs at the Waldorf, have been drawing patrons on a regular basis. Opening soon is the Breakwater Hotel with its new gathering spot, Gerry's Place. Undergoing renovation and slated for openings either this winter or soon afterward are the Cardozo, Cavalier and Bentley hotels, while the Park Central and Imperial hotels will be refurbished extensively for grand openings next winter.

• Nightclubs — Of the new clubs in the Art Deco District, the two most lavish and best patronized are Club Ovo and Club 1235. Ovo, at the corner of Espanola Way and Collins Avenue, is a building that in another era housed the Warsaw Ballroom, and later served kosher delicacies as Hoffman's Cafeteria. In a dramatic rebirth, Ovo features gourmet cuisine and stylish disco with an upscale clientele arriving in stretch limos.

Club 1235 occupies the old Cinema Theatre at 1235 Washington Ave., a deco gem in its day and the setting in more recent years for a loving renovation. 1235 can accommodate more than 2,000 patrons, with a 3,500-square foot dance floor and a 60,000-watt sound system.

• Lincoln Road — Once known as the "Fifth Avenue Of The South," Lincoln Rd. became a pedestrian mall in the early 1960s, but lost many major tenants when times and neighborhoods changed. One of the area's big stories of 1986 was the beginning of Lincoln Road's comeback, with the help of the South Florida Arts Center, a private non-profit artists' colony that moved into the western end of the 10-block mall and began to convert empty storefronts into studios and galleries.

A major impetus to their effort was the decision of the Miami City Ballet, directed by Edward Villella, to establish its permanent headquarters on the mall.

• The Colony Theatre — Originally built by paramount Pictures in the early 1930s to showcase the studio's films, the Colony on Lincoln Rd. was shuttered and barren for many years until its donation to the city in 1981. After five years of planning and renovation by the Miami Beach Development Corp., the theatre reopened in 1986 as a modern performing arts centre for theatre, dance and music, with an occasional film series on its schedule to keep the tradition alive.

• Espanola Way — A decaying relic of the 1920s when fantasy themes predominated in Miami's fledgling tourist industry, this boulevard off Washington Ave. between 14th and 15th once again resembles the "Spanish Village" it was intended to be. As ambitious renovation, lots of fresh paint and ethnic ambiance have produced an eyecatching thoroughfare for visitors, it also has become a highly sought-after locale for motion picture and music video productions.

Family tour of Israel is planned

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

When Beth Sholom calls its July, 1987 trip to Israel a "family tour," it means it. Senior Rabbi Harvey Meirovitch has designed a unique program for all ages, and it is open to the entire community.

Each age group will see things through their own eyes, and can share their perceptions and interpretations, Meirovitch said in an interview. This, he believes, not only will make the whole experience more meaningful to everyone, but will create a special bond between the generations.

An English-speaking youth leader, resident in Israel, will accompany the group, and will arrange special activities for the children, from an early morning visit to a bakery (complete with samples) to a treasure hunt, to the opportunity to meet and spend time with Israelis their own age.

"Whenever it is recognized that children would want to do something different, that can be arranged on the spot or with a day's planning," Meirovitch said. Some parents, for instance, may not wish their children to tour Yad Vashem with them, and those children can spend time at a nearby park, he added.

The rabbi got to know Jerusalem well during his 3-year stay there while studying at the Shalom Hartman Institute. He wants the participants in his tour to do as he did and walk the alleyways and corners of the city, which will be the focus of the trip. "They will experience the Jerusalem I love passionately."

A highlight of the tour will be a visit to Yad Lakashish, a centre in Jerusalem where the elderly come together to create, exhibit and sell their own crafts, such as bookbinding, jewelry and knitting. "It shows the children that the old can maintain their dignity in a spirit of 'old age brings wisdom.'"

The tour will include a visit to the Arab sheep market in the Old City of Jerusalem, an archeological dig, and a trip to see glassblowers in the Judean Hills, as well as the visits to the Western Wall, the Knesset, the Golan and the Museum of the Diaspora in Tel Aviv.

There will be ample time for relaxation, as well as formal and informal educational opportunities.

The 2-week trip, which Meirovitch sums up as being "heavy on quality, not quantity," will cost about $2,500 Canadian and this includes land and air travel costs. Payment can be made almost entirely in Israel Bonds.

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No crowds to jostle sightseers

Winter a wonderful time to see Italy

By
ESTHER FISHER

ROME—

During the winter in Italy, no crowds jostle the sightseers and visitors will find this state of affairs compensates for the cool, but pleasant weather.

Cafes and restaurants are warm, cozy and uncrowded; hotel prices are usually cheaper than in high season; and visitors can stroll leisurely through the great art galleries of the world.

Aside from soaking up culture in Italy, the tourist can spend hours walking, window-shopping, people-watching and strolling down broad main thoroughfares or winding narrow streets, or around large open-air markets.

One of the best ways to get to know a city is on foot; and during the cool weather, you can walk comfortably for hours, taking in the sights, smells and flavors of the past and present.

One of our many walks in Rome took us along the banks and bridges of the Tiber to the Great Synagogue and on through the narrow byways of the old run-down Jewish quarter.

We spent another day wandering down the Via Veneto and through the streets of the Spanish Steps, glimpsing the latest Gucci, Mario Valentino, Max Mara and Armani fashions in the shops.

For an array of jewelry that boggles the mind and dazzles the eye, no place can compare with the tiny rows of shops along the Ponte Vecchio in Florence.

In Milan, there's La Scala to see, both the opera house and the museum it houses; and don't miss the Vittorio Emanuele Galleria, a beautiful old shopping mall.

It is also a country of the past which combines both spiritual and material appeal. By far, the highlight of our trip this time, as it was on our last visit to Italy, was Venice.

Ethereal Venice charms with play of light, color and the absence of cars

From the moment the launch transports you from the mainland over the Grand Canal, you realize you're entering another world, where the interplay of light and color help to explain the misty ethereal quality of Venetian art.

Another thing that helps give Venice its peculiar charm is the absence of buses, trams and cars. With water taxis, launches and gondolas as the only means of transportation, Venice has a peace that only a city without automobiles can know. Here, walking is mandatory for visiting many places; and what's more, it's a great pleasure — no traffic to dodge and no traffic lights to impede one's progress.

After a visit to the Doge's Palace, our feet took us through the winding streets to the main market of Venice, beside the Rialto Bridge. From there, we went along the Strada Nuova, a wide street with food and clothing shops, into the Rio Terra Della Maddelena and eventually to the ghetto.

Ghetto comes from the word *gettare* — to cast metal; the name was given to the area because in the late 14th century, there was a foundry there. In 1516, Jews were given permission to live within the area, and since then the word ghetto has been used for an area of a city inhabited mainly by Jews.

In 16th-century Venice, Jews were an important economic and commercial element in the city. The Jewish population, never large (there were about 4,800 Jews in the ghetto in 1655), is now about 600.

The austerity of the surroundings in the ghetto, the silence enhanced by the lack of any commercial activity and the outer simplicity of the ancient synagogues (three of which have been restored) impart a sense of awe and reverence to the surroundings. The hush in the air, the synagogues and Jewish museum are testament to a life and culture that once existed within the ghetto.

Inside, the synagogues are richly and elegantly decorated; two are still in use — the Ashkenazi in winter, because it is heated; the Sephardi in summer, because it's large and airy. On emerging from the synagogues, we noticed wreaths placed on the outside walls; our guide explained that one commemorates Venetian Jews who fell in World War I; the other, the Jewish victims of the Nazis.

Venice, like all of Italy, is a study in contrasts — ancient and modern; simple and ornate; past and present; spiritual and material all blend, offering the visitor both the continuity and variety of human experience, in all, a complete and thrilling vacation.

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Wherever you stay along Israel's sunshine coast — a city hotel or kibbutz inn, a holiday village or camping site — you can choose between popular beaches with friendly sunbathers, modern facilities, lifeguards, cafes, restaurants; or more secluded beaches where you can laze in peace and solitude, away from it all.

Some beaches are free, others charge an entrance fee. Swimming facilities abound — there are natural lagoons, artificial surf-breakers and luxury swimming pools right along the coast.

For the more adventurous, there are water-sports such as yachting and sailing, diving and wind-surfing, while for landlubbers there is horse-back and bicycle riding, tennis and golf.

Here are Israel's Mediterranean beaches from north to south:

Akhziv: A little south of Rosh Hanikra, on the site of a biblical Phoenician fishing village, is the picturesque beach of Akhziv. You can enjoy the lagoons, cool green lawns, antiquities and camping site of a well-tended national park.

The popular beaches of Tel Aviv attract thousands.

You can fish, learn how to dive and windsurf on the public beach, or stay at the Club Mediterranee's exotic village of grass huts with its informal atmosphere and various beach activities.

Nahariya: The charming and peaceful holiday town has wide beaches with three swimming pools — one olympic size, one for children, and a heated one for year-round swimming. It also boasts a diving school, sailing and windsurfing clubs and a marina.

Acre: You can relax on the Purple Beach, so called for the famous purple dyes extracted here from snails by the ancient Phoenicians, and swim in the placid waters of the blue bay, lunch or dine in the excellent fish restaurants fronting the sea, and take a boat trip round the walls.

Acre's bay accommodates yachts, fishing boats and a "catamaran" which cruises between Akko and Haifa.

Haifa: Several popular beaches with full facilities dot the seashore, and there is sailing as well as diving in the harbor of the Qishon River.

Dor Beach: Regarded by many as one of the finest beaches in Israel, the ancient Phoenician port of Dor consists of a series of natural lagoons protected from the waves by shallow banks and rocks, and is especially suited for children. Enjoy the sunbathing, surfing and windsurfing.

Caesarea: An attractive bathing beach with inviting restaurants, shops and galleries which line the old port, where the remains of the Roman harbor can be explored with your own or rented diving equipment. There is fishing, an 18-hole golf course, horse-riding along the beach and a clay-pigeon shooting range.

Netanya: Excellent beaches, sidewalk cafes, restaurants, playgrounds, well-kept gardens and wide esplanades distinguish this popular tourist resort.

Sports facilities include sailing, undersea diving, wind-surfing and fishing, in addition to riding schools right on the sands.

Herzliya: On the outskirts of Tel Aviv, this town is Israel's Riviera, with 2 miles of golden sandy beaches. This is the place to stay for a complete "get-away-from-it-all" vacation.

The luxury hotels perched right on the sea shore provide the widest possible range of vacation facilities and cater to your every need: olympic-size swimming pools, tennis courts, sauna, health clubs, restaurants, night clubs, shops and a host of other services.

Tel Aviv: Along its many popular beaches which are equipped with full facilities, a row of fine luxury hotels overlook the colorful Marina with its yachting, diving and wind-surfing clubs.

Also along the waterfront are green parks — a place to feel the evening breeze and watch the setting sun, an attractive Dolphinarium, and the Namir (Atarim) Square — the new multi-level seafront location, where shopping or dining and people-watching under gaily colored beach umbrellas can be combined.

Bat Yam: The "Daughter of the Sea" — Tel Aviv's southern suburb, is a favorite pleasure haunt for beach lovers. Breakwaters make the sea safe for all ages. A flowery promenade connects the wide sandy beaches with cafes, restaurants and family hotels, and features an open air amphitheatre, where entertainment programs are held on balmy summer evenings.

Ashkelon: This southern coastal town is one of Israel's most popular resort centres. Stay in one of the fine hotels, pensions, the French Holiday Village, or the excellent camping ground in the large national park, along the seashore.

The park has beautiful gardens, tall trees, ancient wells and huge columns and an open-air museum of Hellenic sculptures. The climate is excellent with almost no rain in winter.

North of Ashkelon is the port of **Ashdod**, another old Philistine city, now called at by cruise ships and holiday makers who enjoy its fine beach.

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Travel

As well as lush foliage and fine restaurants

Palm Beach also offers many cultural attractions

By
HENRY SREBRNIK

PALM BEACH, Fla. — When people think of Palm Beach County, Florida, visions of pleasant beaches, lush foliage, fine restaurants, and the splendid shops along Worth Ave. naturally come to mind, and rightly so.

But there is more to the Palm Beach area than sun and surf. If you look around, there is plenty of art and culture to be found in some of the fine museums located in the towns and cities along the coast.

One of the most interesting places to visit is the Henry Morrison Flagler Museum, located along Coconut Row, in Palm Beach.

Flagler was a founding partner, along with John D. Rockefeller, of the Standard Oil Co., and he later pioneered the development of the South Florida region, building a railway from St. Augustine to Key West, and developing resort properties in Palm Beach, Miami and elsewhere.

In 1901 he built a luxurious mansion, Whitehall, for his third wife, and this opulent relic of America's gilded age is now the home of the Flagler Museum. Considered by many a 3-dimensional textbook of Florida's growth and development, the museum also contains a valuable collection of paintings, sculpture, and architecture, showing the lifestyles of the Flaglers and their contemporaries.

The Flagler is especially noted for its vintage designer clothing, and an exhibit gallery on the second floor provides a controlled environment where fragile textiles and costumes are housed. There are collections of furniture, glass, china, lace and dolls.

The museum is also the site of concerts, recitals, and outdoor lawn performances by the Greater Palm Beach Symphony, the Boca Raton Pops, and the Palm Beach Opera, thus contributing to the cultural enrichment of life in the Palm Beach area.

West Palm Beach has many cultural attractions, including the Norton Gallery and School of Art, located along South Olive Ave. It was founded in 1940 by a Chicago industrialist, Ralph Hubbard Norton, who had retired here. By the time of his death in 1953, he had assembled more than 500 works of art, and the collection has been substantially increased in the ensuing year.

The museum's strength lies in three areas: late 19th and 20th century European paintings and sculpture, including works by Cezanne, Gauguin, Matisse, Monet, Renoir and Picasso; modern American art; and a distinguished collection of Chinese bronzes, jades, ceramics and Buddhist sculpture.

If you're interested in photography, visit the Northwood Institute on North Military Trail. And the South Florida Science Museum, on Dreher Trail North, has exhibits depicting dinosaurs and early man.

In Delray Beach, to the south, the Morikami Museum of Japanese Culture, on Morikami Park Rd., introduces visitors to the fine arts of the far east. Iwai: Emblems of Celebration in Japan, is on display to July 19.

Along Lake Ave. in Lake Worth, contemporary art and crafts, sculpture and post-modernist paintings are featured at the Lannan Foundation Museum. Morris Louis: The First Veils, can be seen until June; Sol Lewitt wall drawings are on exhibit through September.

Nearby Boca Raton is also worth a trip: stop in at the Boca Raton Museum of Art, along Palmetto Park Rd., the Schmidt Gallery on North Military Trail, and — for the kids — the Singing Pines Children's Museum, on Crawford Blvd.

There are also numerous private art galleries in the Palm Beach area that exhibit the works of artists whose paintings and sculptures are on sale.

So when you're next down in Florida, take some time out and exercise your mind as well as body. There is art and culture amidst the sand and sea.

Special guests to attend March folklore meeting

TORONTO — The Ontario Folklore Conference, the first such gathering in Ontario entirely devoted to folklore studies, will take place March 6, 7, and 8 at Black Creek Pioneer Village with an array of speakers, workshops and exhibits.

The Ontario Folklore Conference will feature such major speakers as Dr. T. Symons of Trent University who will talk on The Role of Folklore in Canadian Culture; Carole Carpenter of York University on What is Folklore?; Alan Jabbour, of the American Folk Centre, U.S. Library of Congress, on The Use and Application of Folklore; and CBC Radio's Bill McNeil on The People and Their Lore.

Workshops will feature a variety of subjects ranging from Folklore in the Local Museum to Folklore in the Family to An Analysis of Folk Music. An exhibition and book fair will also be part of the event.

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Business Outlook

ALF (Alien Life Force) is available from Coleco as a 19 inch plush toy.

Company introducing micro-chip talking doll

TORONTO —

Coleco (Canada) Ltd. is introducing a variety of micro-chip talking dolls which will be available this spring and summer.

The new entries are:

— Cabbage Patch Talking Kids: The 16" Kids will come with digitized speech technology which enables the Kids to say a broad repertoire of words, phrases, sounds and sentences.

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— ALF: The 19" plush toy will be available as a talking ALF (Alien Life Form). ALF, the weird-looking loveable stuffed creature with unruly hair and a trunk-like face has already become a "cult figure" from the young to college students via his popular ½-hour television program now airing in North America.

— Talking TJ (male) and Talking JJ (female): These 23" dolls are part of the Play 'N Learn Electronics educational toys.

They will respond to touch. For example, if you touch their knee, they'll say "knee" and they will also play games such as, Simon Says, Follow the Leader, Sequencing and Memory Game.

Communication training seminar to be held March 5

TORONTO —

A training seminar on effective communication, given by the Canadian Credit Institute, will be held 1-4.30 p.m. March 5 at the Skyline Triumph Hotel.

Entitled Excellence in Communication, the seminar will be led by Patricia Adams, president of Tri-Com Communications.

The firm has provided training seminars on public relations for such firms as Bell Telephone and Rothman's, and most recently, clients include London Life, Texaco Canada, Imperial Life and the Workman's Compensation Board. Adams has also worked extensively with federal cabinet ministers Michael Wilson and Barbara McDougall.

The seminar will help participants learn to overcome fears of addressing an audience and improve listening skills, the institute said in a statement.

As well, the program will teach ways to build the presentation and refining presentation skills such as pace modulation and voice variance, using appropriate body language, projecting a positive image and dealing with hostile interviewers.

The cost is $50 for members of the CCI and $60 for non-members.

For further information, contact the Canadian Credit Institute, 16 Barrow Court, Whitby, Ont. L1P 1E4; (416) 668-9687.

In Montreal:

Condo market expands

MONTREAL —

Montrealers can look forward to the continued growth of the condominium market as more units become available in both the downtown core and in suburban areas, reflecting market trends in Toronto and New York over recent years.

"The key market group in the future will be comprised of couples without children where both people are working. They will be looking for smaller downtown luxury units," said Larry Boland, vice-president of Rhomcorp Inc., in an address to the Institute of Real Estate Management.

Boland described the condominium market in Montreal as being "close to take-off point."

Cautioning the plans for one city cannot be based on what has succeeded in another, he did point to certain patterns which have emerged in Toronto and New York over the past five years, indicating that Montreal will likely follow suit.

During 1986, one in four residential sales in Toronto has been in existing condominiums, with 2,700 new units sold and 1,200 more being premarketed in the downtown core. In the suburbs surrounding Toronto, 4,800 new condos have been sold this year; 2,500 are currently being marketed.

In Manhattan, there are 11,000 condominiums now under development which will bring to 25,000 the total for the past three years.

While Montreal figures are nowhere near those in Toronto and New York, the level of condominium development is starting to expand and will continue to be strong in the coming years.

"Montreal has not yet seen the development of the smaller units which have been selling so well in Toronto but it will happen in the future. For now there is a strong demand for large units at moderate prices as well as for large luxury units," said Boland.

Commenting on Rhomcorp's No. 1 Wood Avenue development, he observed that the market for such a project is limited. There will not be many No. 1 Wood Avenues in Montreal or in any city. But it was clear from the outset that, while small, the market does exist and the response has been overwhelming.

He went on to say that the condominium expansion will reach the suburbs as well, where there is a demand being created by people who are either giving up a house or considering their first real estate investment before moving into a house.

Elderly housing idea ready soon

SIDNEY, BC —

A new concept in housing for the elderly will soon be available in Canada from Abbeyfield Homes Society of Canada.

The society is a registered charitable corporation which exists to support community volunteers interested in developing an alternate form of non-profit houses for independent, elderly people. It was launched in England in 1956 by a group of seniors who did not wish to live in institutions. Today, there are 1,000 Abbeyfield Homes throughout Great Britain. In May, the first Canadian Abbeyfield House will open in Sidney, BC.

The concept calls for a small, affordable house where seven to 10 people over retirement age can live in their own bed-sitting rooms, furnished with their own belongings. A live-in, paid housekeeper shops for and cooks the main meals of the day served in the communal dining room.

Each house is acquired by a local volunteer committee who manage such affairs as property, maintenance, health and finance. Building or conversion funds are sought from private and government sources, but all daily operating costs are shared by residents to the best of their ability.

While the Canadian society is based in Toronto, its affiliates are all in British Columbia, in Vancouver, Victoria, Sidney and Kelowna. However three branches — in Ottawa, Port Hope and Toronto — are expected to register soon.

For more information write PO Box 7, Suite 1507, 401 Bay St., Toronto M5H 2Y4.

Waterfront plans set

TORONTO —

Queen's Quay Terminal has begun a major new development to be completed in the spring of this year. The plans calls for 15 new stores, a restaurant, and a connecting pedestrian skyway.

Ronald Taylor, general manager, said "The redevelopment reinforces our commitment to offering a wide selection of unique fashion and accessories to our clientele."

The retail mix of the new development will consist of an area featuring original designer fashions and accessories while another area will feature a casual lifestyle theme.

The Upper South Side will re-open at the same time, continuing to offer Toronto's best collection from Canadian designers.

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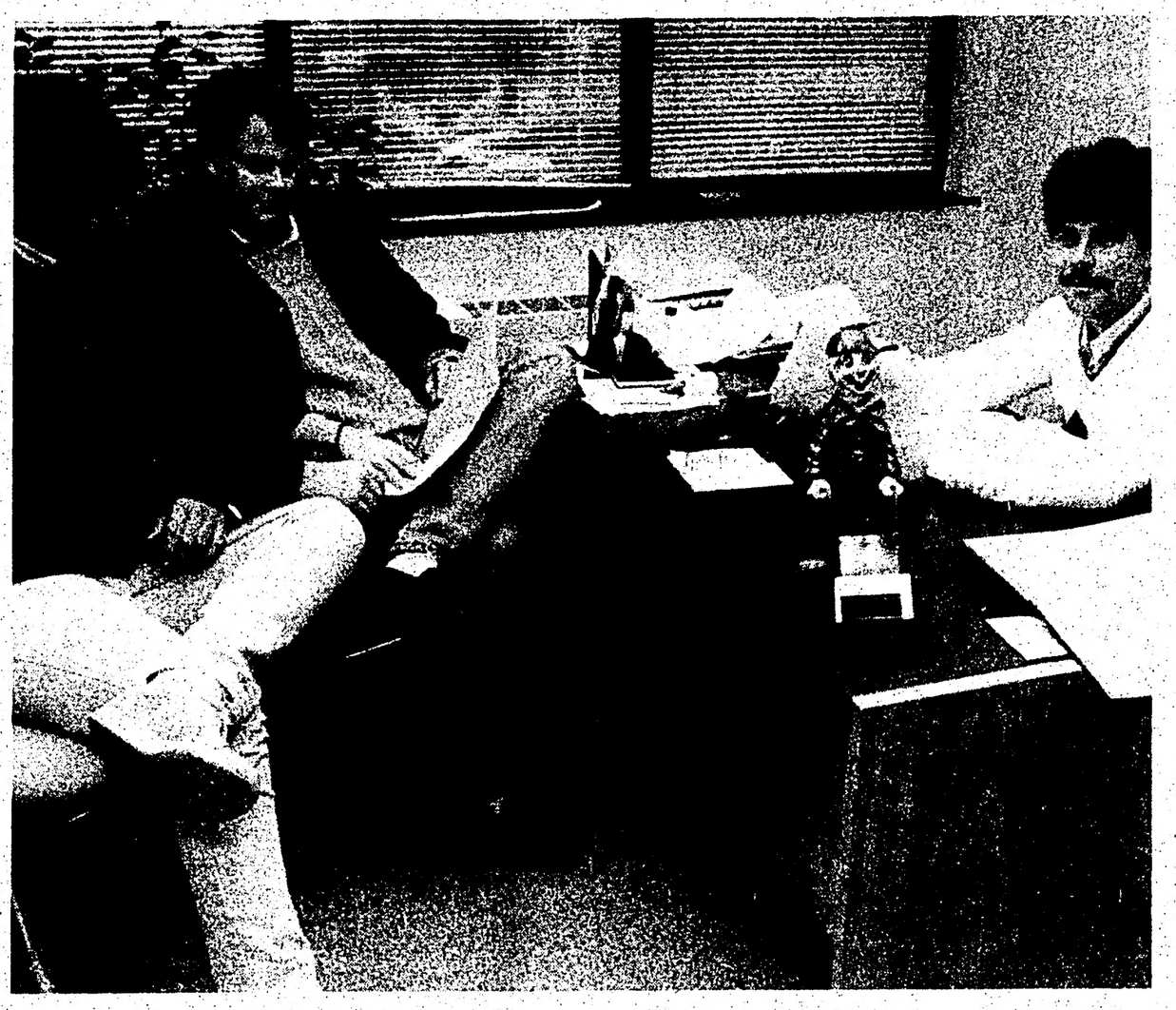

Planning their day at Pre-Alert Security offices are (from left) operations manager Steven Fishman, sales manager David Dennis and general manger Paul Seidman.

Security builds confidence

System lets JCC rest easy

By
ROSE HEILBRONN

TORONTO —

Over a year ago the Jewish Community Centre addressed their security problems by installing a security system from Pre-Alert Security Systems Inc. The system was designed for the surveillance of all their buildings. The JCC is now protected by one of the most advanced computerized self contained security systems on the market, with the ability to pinpoint exit and entry points in the JCC's huge facility.

Paul Brownstein, executive director of the JCC offers high praise for Pre-Alert Security Systems.

"Our external controls were very weak only a few years ago. Vandalism to our property, both inside and outside the buildings, caused great concern to our board and staff, as well as costing mega-dollars to repaint and replace damaged property. Since we obtained the security system for all our external doors, we have virtually eliminated the problem. We feel good that our building is secure."

President and owner of this company and the driving force behind its success is Paul Seidman, who has been involved with the JCC for many years in addition to an extensive background with many other community services. His areas of professional expertise include radio and television, electronics and marketing.

Pre-Alert Security Systems has been in operation for over seven years and enjoys an excellent reputation with hundreds of residential customers and the local police. As well, the company has many industrial accounts, including Gulf Canada, Howie's Drugstore chain — a division of Shopper's Drug Mart, The Golden Griddle chain, and Greenwin Construction.

A professionally installed security system generally involves devices to protect doors and windows and other areas of your home which are most vulnerable to breakins. Pre-Alert always installs back-up interior protection which will sense anyone moving inside the premises. Protected areas are divided into zones to facilitate location of trouble spots allowing the customer to close the windows.

The system is operated with a convenient digital key pad that is connected to a panel which is the heart of the security system. The control panel also operates an outside warning device, normally a siren. All Pre-Alert's systems are tied into their 24-hour central station, which takes immediate action for every emergency.

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Native workshop being run this week

TORONTO —

Native artists and craftsmen from across Canada and business leaders from the Native and non-native communities have come here to participate in a 4-day business skills development workshop being held this week.

The workshop, sponsored by the Canadian Council for Native Business, is instructing 50 Native delegates in the basic skills required to set up and profitably run an arts or crafts related business.

The business leaders have volunteered their time and expertise to discuss topics ranging from financing and marketing to legal and managerial considerations.

Among those businessmen participating in the workshop are CCNB chairman Murray Koffler; Edward Bronfman of Edper Investments; Steven Brant, senior vice-president of Peace Hills Trust; Joe Dion, president of Dion Resources and Paul Summers, president of CEO of Hanson Inc.

Hands-on instruction is being provided by way of a special, CCNB-sponsored booth at Toronto's National Gift Show where the works of delegates and other Native artists and artisans will be showcased.

Delegates will have the opportunity to meet with buyers from major chains while working in the booth and touring the show.

"The intention of the workshop and exhibit is for Native artists and artisans to return home and use this knowledge to set up businesses that will provide employment and new opportunities for themselves and other members of their community," said CCNB arts committee chairperson Dorothy Shoichet.

The Canadian Council for Native Business is s non-profit, private sector organization dedicated to helping Native enterprises succeed by involving the expertise of its corporate members in various consultative aspects of operating Native businesses.

Financial support for the workshop has been received from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and the Native Economic Development Program as well as major retailers of Native arts and crafts.

Real estate sales are still climbing

TORONTO —

Members of the Toronto Real Estate Board reported 3,639 sales in January, an increase of 3% over January 1986, previously the best January ever, John Oliver, president of the Toronto Real Estate Board, said.

"More significantly, last month, represented the 25th straight month of growth in sales on a year-over-year-basis. This is the longest stretch of growth since 1967, the year the Board started keeping detailed statistics."

The median price in January rose 2% over the previous month, following the pattern of price increases seen in the past year.

Oliver said "prices have reached a new level from which they are unlikely to fall, being the result of a period of sustained real growth."

He noted that for many first-time home buyers, last year's price increases have made affordability a concern. "However, recent drops in mortgage interest rates may alleviate some of the concern."

Condominium purchases accounted for 25% of MLS residential sales reported in January. The 453 condominium apartments that sold for $54,347,371 averaged $119,972, while the 448 condominium townhouses that sold for $52,374,439 averaged $116,907.

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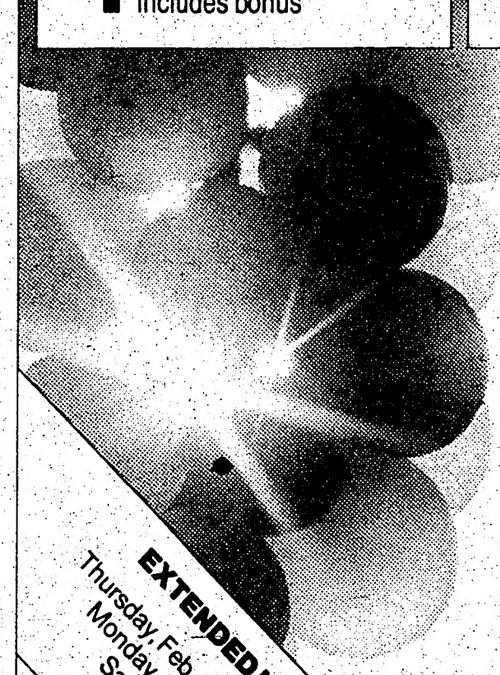

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$329,900 for this lovely 4 bdrm, 3 baths, dble garage, huge lot, main fl. family & fireplace. Thousands spent on upgrades, cathedral ceilings, appliances ++++ MARLON GREEN 224-2800.

BATHURST & SHEPPARD — JUST RENOVATED
3 bdrm bungalow, gleaming strip hardwood floors, brand new almond kitchen, pedestal sink, ceramics, plus in-law apartment with sep. side entrance. Many more features. LENNA LANGER 224-2800.

BATHURST & STEELES — IMMEDIATE POSSESSION
Gorgeous 4 bdrm, main fl. laundry & family rm, peach broadloom, central vac, dble garage, roman tub & more. LENNA LANGER 224-2800.

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BATHURST-GLENCAIRN-LAWRENCE 67'x150' LOT
Executive 9 room sidesplit. Huge fabulous kitchen with built-ins & w/o to patio. 4 bdrms on upper level. 4 baths. Main floor den & family room with w/o. Fin. rec room with open fireplace & wet bar. 2 car attached garage. Walking distance to all amenities. Mrs. Rybak 787-1712/787-7151.

***BATHURST-LAWRENCE 4-5 BDRMS**
Beautiful & spacious 2 storey + finished rec room. Main floor powder & family room with open fireplace and walkout to garden. Fabulous new 30' kitchen. Huge master - 4 pc en suite. Newly renovated. Must be seen! Nina Mason 787-1712/782-2635.

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KILBARRY/U.C.C. — 1ST AD
New Exclusive. $489,000. Wonderful 4 bdrm. home on deep lot. Stunning "white" kitchen. Main flr. family rm. Beautiful lower level w/extra bdrm. & ensuite bath. A pleasure to show. see with Marlene Federman or Shirley Sugar, 483-4337.

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$219,900. Delightful bright modern brick 3 bdrm. bungalow in superb condition. Full in-law suite w/kitchen. Ideal location. Won't last! Call Elaine Chelin, 483-4337.

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$460,000. Grand principal rms. Elegant den & garden rm. A wonderful suite in prestigious condo residence with all the amenities. Call Linda Rose, 483-4337.

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CLIFFWOOD — FRENCH IMMERSION
Builder's own custom 3,200 sq. home. Den + oak panelled family rm. on main. Huge g et kitchen. 4-5 bdrms. Fully finished lower level includi anny's quarters w/full bath. Call Don wagman, 483-4337. SOLD

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Marvellous ranch bungalow pr sionally decorated for the most discriminating taste. Gorge ew kitchen w/walk-out to fabulous garden. 2 fireplaces. Cen al air. Fin. lower level. Exceptional home. Call Elaine Chelin, 483-4337. SOLD

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Bathurst/Centre. Fabulous rm. home. Spacious kitchen w/skylit bay eating area. master suite w/sitting area + ensuite bath. Much more. Call Brian Drutz, 483-4337. SOLD

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$329,000. Unique "inside" cond wnhome in prestigious central location. 3 bdrms. + den baths. Fireplace. Balcony +lrg. open patio. 2 car parking. Call Gayle Mitchell, 483-4337. SOLD

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GLENCAIRN PRIME LOCATION
Charming 3 Bdrm. + Tamden, main floor family room, ensuite 3 pc., bright kitchen, large principal rooms, French door. Shows well. D. Abraham 783-3333.

CHOICE OF CONDOS
Glencairn/subway. 2 bdrms., 3 bdrms., indoor pool, fabulous view, decorated, 24 hour security — $132,000-$155,000.
Bathurst/Finch. Luxury bldg., fabulous spa, shabat elevator. $149,000 to $189,000.
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Luxury condos. Take your pick. One 2-bedroom with spectacular south view, nicely upgraded. One 2-bedroom, 2-4 pc. baths, side by side parking, superb recreation facilities. Please call Laura Barnett 494-6888/491-1444.

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"NEW" BAYVIEW YORK MILLS
$795,000. Outstanding plans + location. Custom designed — Bright southern exposure. Plans for 4,100 sq. ft. of living space. Heddy Blaug 449-2020.

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$734,900. Windfields the ultimate in luxury finish. Dark stained herringbone floors, imported marble baths + foyer. 4 + bdrm. Finished w/o bsmt. Sandi Kert 449-2020.

YORK MILLS-BAYVIEW 4,200 SQ. FT.
$649,900. Contemporary 2 storey architect renov. 5 bdrm., familyrm. + den on main fl. 80 x 150 lot. Magnificent lot & pool. 5 baths, fin. bsmt. Judy Horvath 449-2020.

A BLUE CHIP OFFERING — YORK MILLS
$649,000. — 5 luxury size bdrms + family room & library, there's room for . . . everyone, everything. Take time to look. You'll buy. Ronald Baker/Hilary Cohen 449-2020.

BAYVIEW/YORK MILLS BUNGALOW
$479,000. 3 + bdrms., fam. rm., 2 skylights, w/o to private gard., mod. CANAC kit. Fin. rec. rm. Pool size lot. Ideal for a dentist or doctor. Michele Church 449-2020.

YORK MILLS — RAVINE & GOLF COURSE!
$395,000. Spacious, sunny & what a view! Cust. 4 bdrm., 2½ baths, 2 fp's, 3 w-outs. Huge kit., fam. rm. w/b-ins, 200' terraced lot! Marion Dick 449-2020.

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YORK MILLS-BAYVIEW — CUSTOM HOME!
$995,000. — 5,125 sq. ft. Absolutely spectacular! Library and den! 5-6 bdrms. All the Bells & Whistles! South Lot. Natalie Schacter 449-2020.

ROSEDALE — CHARMING FAMILY HOME
$949,000. Enchanting 4 bedrm. in mint condition. Beautiful principal rooms with view to garden from solarium. Large 2nd floor library. H. Cohen/R. Baker 449-2020.

BAYVIEW RIDGE AREA! YORK MILLS
$649,000. Opportunity to locate in this prestige area for under a million. 3 brs. d.r., walk out to beautiful garden. Oak panelled den & rec rm. Don LePage 449-2020.

UPPER FOREST HILL BRAND NEW
$525,000. Prime location, choose from 2 different plans — over 3,800 sq. ft., 4 bdrms, family rm, large lot, dble garage. Fall possession. B. Baker & H. Blaug 449-2020.

HERE'S YOUR HOME IN FOREST HILL
$295,000. Delightful 2 storey, 3 bdrm., 2 baths. Spacious principal rms. Eat-in kitchen. Finished lower level. A pleasure to show. Call Dorann Gottlieb 487-4343.

PRIME ALLENBY LOCATION!
$285,000. Stunning detached Tudor home. Shows beautifully! 3 bdrms. 2 baths. Fully finished. Lower level. Terry Moranis 449-2020.

BEST VALUE ON MARKET TODAY!!
$284,500. Avenue Rd./Lawrence — Great curb appeal — leaded windows — wonderful principal rooms, eat-in kitchen, rec rm & 2 baths. A gem. S. Goodwin 487-4343.

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731-0090

***UPPER VILLAGE — LARGER THAN YOU THINK!**
Great home with fabulous addition. Features large family room, spacious master. 3 baths on second + much more. Call now! E. Spivak 485-2299.

***MOVE RIGHT IN & CALL IT HOME**
$185,000 Nothing to do but enjoy your fireplace in this cozy 2 bdrm bungalow, modern kitchen & bath. Deep lot. Don't miss this one. E. Spivak 485-2299.

***EXCLUSIVE BAYVIEW COUNTRY CLUB**
$269,000. Spectacular entrance leads to fabulous main floor family room. Bright kitchen, 3 baths, 3 bdrms + loft. Private yard. R. Diamond 486-2299.

***HEAVENLY LOT**
Exclusive location! ¾ of an hour from the city. 128' front. 3+ acres. A. Krett 485-2299.

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50'x120' lots, up to 3,900 sq. ft., 5 bd., 3 full washrms upstairs, oak stairs, ceramic tile in foyer & hallway, whirlpool bathtubs. Occupancy late summer '87. 881-6369, after 6 P.M.

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BEST KEPT SECRET IS BEHIND FRONT DOOR!!
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$499,000. 3/4 Bdr. Large L.R./D.R. Skylights. Large Eat-in Kit. Gorgeous lot. Sauna!! Joan E. Landy 635-1170.

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$298,000, Beautiful 3 Bdrm. + "Heritage Home." The charm of yesterday with to-day's modern conveniences. Downtown — close to subway, shops. Carol Barkin 487-4311.

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SMALL RAISED RANCH BUNGALOW
$229,900. Don Mills/Steeles. Loaded. 5 appl. 3-bdrm. + 3 bath. Detached! Backs to park. Many upgrades! New windows + roof + broadloom + 2-car garage. W. Cooper 211-5515.

ALLENBY SEMI. A DOLL'S HOUSE
$224,900. 3 Bdr., fireplace in LR. Sept. DR. Large eat-in kitchen. Gorgeous lot. 2 small car parking on pad at side of home. Call Joan E. Landy 635-1170.

OPEN HOUSE SUN. 2-5, 10 TUREET HILLWAY
$174,900. Don Mills/Steeles. Huge loaded townhome. Imm. poss'n. 3-Bd. + 3-Bath + 5 app. + f/place + cent. air. Redecorated! In small complex. Warren Cooper 221-5515.

BATHURST-NEPTUNE — CONDO — REDUCED
$139,900 Main Fl. 2 Bdrm. Up-to-date with parquet fls. 2 baths, eat-in kit. Near subway, TTC. Lily Stoll 635-1170.

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***LOWER FOREST HILL VILLAGE**
E. of Spadina. Beautifully appointed & renovated, main floor solarium. 5 bdrms, master with 6 pc. ensuite. Sensational kitchen with island, library, sauna. C.A.C. Central vac. Exclusive. Celine Joel 488-2875.

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100' frontage. Gracious home. Perfect walls for art. Panelled library. 3 fireplaces, 4 bdrms + sep. help's quarters. Family room, billiard room, sauna, pool & security. Jeffrey Wagman 488-2875.

***LOWER VILLAGE BUILDING LOT!!**
Prime location. Deep lot. Plans available if desired. For further details Eleanor Wagman 488-2875.

***LOWER VILLAGE EXCLUSIVE**
Charming 2 storey. Den & powder room on main. 4 bdrms on second. Panelled rec room. Deep lot. Choice street. For viewing call Eleanor Wagman 488-2875.

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In a downtown prime location! Excellent return. Fully rented. See now with Judy Hendler 488-2875.

***BATHURST/FINCH $359,000**
Large 2 storey on quiet crecent. Den & family room on main. 4 spacious bdrms. Finished bsmt with separate apt. David Wagman 488-2875.

***INCOME OPPORTUNITY — $349,000**
Walk to U of T from this updated 3 storey with 3 kitchens, 4 baths & double garage. Lots of space! Sylvia Naftolin 488-2875.

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Qualified purchaser wants 3-4 bdrms, willing to renovate. $300,000 - $350,000 range. All calls confidential. Brenda Posluns 488-2875.

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***BATHURST-STEELES — QUALITY**
Spacious, inviting 4 bdrm. Mn. flr. den & fam., hwd & ceramics. Dble. gar. Extras! Must be seen! Andy Reti, 731-7111.

BATHURST-STEELES — ON THE PARK
Lg. 3 bd., dble. gar., appls., superior decor, loaded with extras! $229,900. Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

***BATHURST-STEELES — IMMACULATE!**
Approx. 2,200 sq. ft., 3 + 1 bdrm., c-a, 2 firepl., ceramics, super master, lg. lot, near amenities. Gerry Wener, 731-7111.

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Lg. principal rms. Hollywood kitchen, 4 bdrms. Premium lot, near everything! Up to date looks. Ted Waxman 731-7111.

BATHURST-STEELES — $209,900
Value aplenty! 3 bdrm., mn. flr. fam., dble. gar., super location. Lg. sunny garden, priced to sell! Andy Reti, 731-7111.

COMFORTABLE BATHURST-STEELES
Elegance on a budget! Walk to school, park, shopping. 3 bdrms. Mn. fl. family with fp., huge sun deck. Becky Wener, 731-7111.

BATHURST-CLARK — 1ST TIME BUYERS!
Young lovers! Fabulous starter, 3 bd., c-a, interlocking patio, spacious sunny kitch., neutral decor. $179,900. Paula Bernstein, 731-7111.

DON MILLS & STEELES — BEGINNER WINNER!
Un-lease yourself! Super 6 rm. bung., singles attached gar., w/o to lg. lot. Won't last! $167,500. Ted Waxman 731-7111.

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Lux. townhouse, 3 lg. bdrms., ultra kitch., w/o to liv. rm., professionally fin. bsmnt., steps to park. Joe Salomon, 226-9770.

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5 bdrm., fin. bsmnt., demand area. Close to all amenities. Must be seen! Mica Laken, 226-9770.

BATHURST-STEELES — 4 BDRM.
Semi-detached, mn. flr. fam. rm., newly finished bsmnt., Mica Laken, 226-9770.

BATHURST & STEELES NORTH
4 bdrm., 3 bths., fam. rm., fireplace, w/o to deck, central air, flexible vendor. Shelly Halpern, 226-9770.

LESLIE & CUMMER
Semi-detached 4 bdrm., 2 bths., fin. bsmnt., wet bar, central air, new soffits, facia & roof. Shelly Halpern, 226-9770.

BATHURST-STEELES
Fabulous 2 storey, mn. flr. fam. rm., firepl., bright eat-in kitch., many upgrades. Joe Salomon, 226-9770.

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Super investment! Triplex. Excellent condition. Won't last! Joe Salomon, 226-9770.

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Finch/Bathurst 2 bedroom, 2 bathrooms. $701.00 per month. Available April 1/87. 736-8790.

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Model Mink Coat, fox collar & sleeves. Bargain $1,950.00. Private Sale. 920-4578.

Ladies Mink Coat, brand new, size 12. After 7:00 p.m. 494-0909.

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COURTLAND. Adult bld., 1 bdrm., fam. rm., den, Florida rm., blc., 5 appls., C-A, move-in cond. George Baron Rltr., 221-6901 or 665-3044.

HSII - 2 bd. $1,350
Bay-Bloor - 1 bd. + $1,050
Antibes - 3 bd. $1,175
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Promenade - new 2 bd., 1,060 sq. ft., $144,500. Vera Vadis, Ungerman Rlty. Rltr, 731-7111.

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Two exquisite customized suites, 1,889 to 3,200 sq. ft., w/sunroom & outdoor balcony. Priced right; a must to view!
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COTTAGE FOR RENT

Wasaga Beach 250 ft. beach front cottage court, 9 units for rent or sale. Ideal for group. Excellent development possibilities. 223-7147.

COTTAGE WANTED TO RENT

Wanted to rent for the entire summer. 2 Cottages or 1 self contained cottage & guest cabin. 3-4 bedrooms each, waterfront essential, 50-90 mile radius from Toronto. 225-8464.

COTTAGE FOR SALE

Rare Opportunity
Belle Ewart - large lakefront lot with 2 cottages. 1 - 4 bedroom, 1 - 3 bedroom, day camp & synagogue close by. No Agents 499-6234.

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Mothers helpers, nannies from Europe & Japan. Live-in only, low rates, personal service. Exchange Program, 889-8633.

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Miami Beach - 1½ bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, furnished, appliances, swimming pool. Opposite Arlen House. 532-3475.

Pompano Beach, Florida - Luxury oceanfront condo, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, designer decorated. $135,900 U.S. 4 year old building. Excellent amenities. Irene Herzog 782-3644.

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BATHURST-SHELBOURNE
2 bd., fin. bsmnt., short or long term, $1,200. Emes Rlty. 787-7854.

HOUSES FOR SALE

BATHURST-INVERMAY
Elegant 3 bd. bung., centre hall plan, featuring new kitch., fin. bsmnt., lg. lot, $229,000. Please call E. Messinger, Emes Rlty., 787-7854.

Sheppard/Bathurst Builder's own overlooking Earl Bales Park. Walkout ravine, 90 ft. frontage. 863-0892.

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Custom built 4 bdrm., ravine lot, huge liv. & din., den, library, mn. flr. laundry, lg. kitch., built-in appls., circular stairway, fin. lower level, w/o, must be seen!

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DREWRY-BATHURST
4 bdrm. split level, mod. kitch., liv/din combined, fam. rm., firepl., dble. drive gar., steps to all.

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BATHURST-SHEPPARD
Lg. 3 bdrm. bung., ravine lot, huge liv./din., up to date kitch., 3 bths., w/o to lg. deck, fin. bsmnt. Don't miss!

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Sternberg, Julius on February 11, 1987, late of 18 Cedarcroft Blvd., #1007.

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Boost housing, Ontario urged

By JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

The provincial government should become actively involved in regulating rooming and boarding houses in order to ensure an adequate supply of quality housing is provided for low-income singles and the homeless, according to a comprehensive study on roomers, boarders and lodgers in Ontario.

A Place To Call Home was prepared by housing consultant Dale Bairstow for Ontario Housing Minister Alvin Curling and provides 97 recommendations that touch on vitually every aspect of housing and social policy in the province.

In preparing his report — which would affect seven provincial government ministries if implemented — Bairstow completed seven months of research, received some 100 briefs and held public meetings in 10 major cities, with more than 500 participating.

He found that there are about 184,000 people living in rooming and boarding accommodation in Ontario and that both occupants and owners face an affordability problem.

(A roomer is a person who rents a single room in a dwelling or larger building and often shares a kitchen and bath facilities with several people. A boarder is a person who not only obtains a room, but is served meals along with other residents. A lodger may be either a roomer or boarder.)

In looking at the area of roomers and boarders, the report recommends the government establish province-wide licencing standards for all rooming and boarding houses. To enable existing operations to adapt to the new regulations, it calls for a 2-year amnesty and urges incentives be introduced to help owners of such units meet eligibility requirements.

These incentives include establishing an operating assistance program for owners of rooming, boarding and lodging accommodation to provide a maximum of $1500 per unit per year, based on the unit's demonstrated losses. It also calls for the development of a housing allowance of rental assistance program for single people in need to cover the cost of bringing their shelter payments down to a maximum of 40% of their income.

To further encourage the establishment of boarding and rooming houses, the report states that the ministry of housing should offer a grant of $250 to each person who agrees to take in a person in need. A registry of roomers would also be created to permit credit checks and personal histories of roomers.

Moving beyond its original terms of reference, the report recommends that the ministry of housing develop a capital-financing program to support non-profit charitable and municipal hostel renovation and construction. It also urges that in municipalities of a "substantial size," a provincially-funded minibus with radio, hot beverages and para-medical help be provided to transport the homeless to an available shelter.

The report also calls for changes to the Landlord and Tenant Act so that roomers, boarders and lodgers fall under its jurisdiction.

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While winter blows snowy and cold, indulge yourself in thoughts of warm sunshine and a bounty of colorful, fragrant flowers. Right now is the ideal time to sit down and assess the present look of your yard and to plan changes to make it even better.

A garden can be much more than a relaxing pastime for those far-off summer days. Properly done, it can beautify your surroundings and add thousands of dollars to the value of your home.

The first major consideration in planning a garden is its location. Does it receive full sun, partial sun, or shade? Although full sun offers the widest range of planting possibilties, there are still many alternatives for shady areas.

Dutch bulbs — such as daffodils, crocus and squills — will thrive below leafy trees, providing welcome color in early summer when everything else is still drab and gray.

The type of soil in a garden is also an important factor in planning. Many gardeners put a great deal of effort into adapting soil conditions to suit the plants, when it is really so much easier to choose plants suited to the existing soil conditions.

Keep your family's priorities in mind while planning the garden. You may want to include a play corner for the children and an outdoor living area for barbecues and sunbathing.

Don't forget to leave room for storage and "behind - the - scenes" gardening — a vegetable patch and room for plunging bulbs for winter forcing.

Even if their original purpose is practical, these areas can be made attractive with proper background vegetation. For instance, use woody plants, both deciduous and evergreen, to form the backbone of the garden. Plant them in eye-catching displays and fill in any bare spots with perennials, bulbs and annuals.

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